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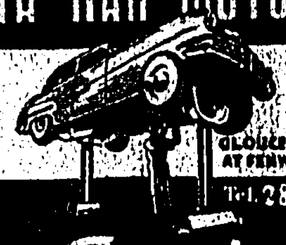

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LABOUR GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ON

Administration's duty to continue in office

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

LONDON, FEBRUARY 25.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, SAID TODAY THAT HIS LABOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY ON, EVEN THOUGH IT HAS PERHAPS THE SMALLEST PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY IN A CENTURY.

The decision, announced to newsmen after a 75-minute emergency session of the Cabinet, means that the Labour Party will form another Government even at the continuous risk of being forced into a new election at a time not of its choosing.

All Mr. Attlee would say when he emerged from the meeting at No. 10 Downing Street, was: "Well, we are carrying on."

Mr. Attlee then stepped into a car driven by Mrs. Attlee and left for the week-end at an undisclosed place in the country.

Later the Cabinet issued a formal statement, which said: "The Cabinet met this morning to consider the situation arising from the General Election.

After consultation with his colleagues, the Prime Minister has decided that as the House of Commons will contain a majority of Labour members, it is the duty of the present administration to continue in office, for the King's Government must be carried on.

"The Prime Minister hopes that now that the election is over, all will once more give their full efforts to carrying forward the necessary work of the nation."

A jostling, good-natured crowd of about 500 lined the pavement to watch the Cabinet members arrive at No. 10 Downing Street, Mr. Attlee's official residence.

Many of the Ministers looked pensive.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, nearly five minutes late, walked slowly from his car, taking no notice of photographers and newsreel men.

His car had narrowly missed collision with a Government despatch rider on a motor cycle in Downing Street.

The Deputy—Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, smilingly posed for photographers, lifted his hat and, looking at the sky, said: "A beautiful morning." It was—slightly cold with the sun shining through a light mist.

Among the arrivals was the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones, who was defeated in the election.

Meanwhile, the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, has gone to his home at Westerham, Kent. Mr. Anthony Eden, his right-hand man, is visiting him there. A meeting of the Conservative Consultative Committee is being called on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, who is to carry on the Government despite his precarious majority.

No coalition

It is officially stated that the Cabinet will be reconstituted but that a coalition with other parties is out of the question.

All Cabinet Ministers have placed their portfolios in the Prime Minister's hands and Mr. Attlee will announce a reconstituted Cabinet.

It is expected that Mr. Attlee will make a substantial Cabinet reshuffle and issue the names of his new administration about the middle of next week.

It is understood that the King's speech for the State opening of Parliament on March 6 is now being drafted.

Members will meet for swearing in, and the election of the Speaker on March 1. The Parliamentary Labour Party, which consists of all Labour members of Parliament, meets next Wednesday morning just before Parliament's reassembly.

Press comment

Meanwhile the independent "Times," the Conservative "Daily Telegraph" and Lord Beaverbrook's "Daily Express" all say that another election within a year seems unavoidable. The Conservative "Daily Graphic" said: "Another election is expected within three months."

The Labour Party's own mouthpiece, the "Daily Herald," remarked: "It is clear that the Government cannot continue long with such a slender majority.

Also hinting at possible new elections, the "Herald" said: "The task of informing public opinion about our policies must be pressed forward with the utmost vigour so that when the next test comes, it can win a substantial majority."

The "Daily Telegraph" said: "A majority reduced from 180 to the neighbourhood of 18 is tantamount to a vote of censure which they cannot ignore."

The "Daily Express" said: "The proper course for Mr. Attle would be to admit that he has lost the confidence of the country. He should tender the resignation of his government."

Democracy's voice

The "News Chronicle" (Liberal) said: "It is difficult to see how a fresh appeal to the country would help. The astonishingly high poll in all parts of the country is proof that democracy has spoken truly and has faithfully reflected the views of our people."

The Communist "Daily Worker," in an editorial signed by the Party General Secretary, Mr. Harry Pollitt, said: "There is not the slightest need for pessimism because, fortified by the knowledge that Communism has triumphed in one half of the world, we can be determined that in our lifetime we will do the same in Britain."

Reaction from Western European countries was mixed. Socialist spokesmen in France and Italy miled the Labour victory, despite its narrow margin, as one for the "third force" between Capitalism and Communism and for peace.

Conservatives on the continent found the results a setback to Socialism and the extreme left.

Results from five districts in Scotland will not be reported until Monday. Three of these are normally Conservative. The sixth district still unreported—in Manchester—will not vote until next month, because of the death of one of the candidates.

If the Conservatives win all six of the remaining districts, the Labour majority will be further cut to four. Even if Labour wins them, it will only have a majority of 16.

Resignation soon?

The Labour Party Secretary, Mr. Morgan Phillips, said a majority of 30 seats was the minimum with which any single-party government could effectively get through its major policies.

One way of avoiding the threat of new elections to more clearly define the lines would be formation of a coalition government. But leaders of both major parties have come out flatly against working together in a peacetime government.

The Liberal Party, whose all-out effort as a resurging holder of the balance of power failed, cannot turn the tide for either party with the meagre showing it has made. Traditionally anti-Socialist, it appears unlikely that the Liberals will support Labour unless nationalisation is dropped.

In view of these factors, forecasts are general that the Labour Party will soon resign, either by choice or of necessity.

Should the Government be defeated on any of the major issues it has promised to push through—such as further nationalisation or even approval of the national budget which is due on April 1—it would have to resign. New elections would then have to be called.

One factor played up by Conservative commentators was that more Britons actually voted against Labour than for.

Grave position

The Labour Party got 13,209,400 votes. The Conservatives got 12,408,000 votes, which, added to the 2,610,000 received by the Liberals and those of other minor parties, amounts to nearly 2,000,000 more than the Labour total.

The British Press, predominantly Conservative, viewed Labour's new shaky position as grave in the face of Britain's economic troubles. Most newspapers said the election showed that John Bull wants to curb Socialism.

Newspapers of all political hues, however, agreed that Mr. Attlee would try to stay in office for the time being while making a few Cabinet changes.

In Tokyo, Japanese opinion is divided on Labour's win in the British elections.

A predominant theme in newspaper editorials was that the Conservative defeat postponed development of the cold war between Russia and the Western powers.

Even the Democratic and Liberal spokesmen of the Yoshida Government subscribed to this view, describing the electors' choice as prompted by fear that if the conservatives emerged victorious it might signal the coming war.

The chairman of the Socialist Party, Mr. Tetsu Katayama, sent a congratulatory message today to the British Labour Party leader, Premier Clement Attlee.

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Liberals get another seat

London, February 25.

The Liberal Party picked up its ninth seat in the new Parliament today when the results were announced from a remote Scottish district.

The voting at Ross and Cromarty, Inverneshire, resulted in the election of Captain J. MacLeod, Liberal, over his Labour opponent, A. C. Reid.

The latest party standings are: Labour, 314; Conservatives, 294; Liberals, 9; Irish Nationalists, two; the Speaker, one.—United Press.

Nationalist soldiers to return to HK

Taipeh, February 25.

The British steamer Kweiyang is preparing to sail tomorrow for Hong Kong from Keelung with about 60 per cent. of the 1,015 Nationalist soldiers and dependents she had carried there from Hong Kong.

Shipping circles said that by a curious coincidence the soldiers allowed to disembark appeared to be in good health. None of the blind or maimed was allowed to land.

Nationalist authorities denied any discrimination. They said the only persons allowed to get off the ship were those who could be identified by their former units.—Associated Press.

REDS TAKE OVER CMC OFFICE

On orders from Peking, Communist-appointed Chinese took over the Chinese Maritime Customs in Hong Kong yesterday.

The former Customs Commissioner, Mr. W. H. King, turned over the local office to Mr. Shen Shih-kun, appointed Deputy Administrative Commissioner, and Mr. Chang Chung-wai, appointed Deputy Preventive Commissioner.

The Directorate General of Customs in Peking appointed Mr. Chang and Mr. Shen by telegram.

The former Administrative Commissioner, Mr. J. K. Storrs, was also replaced.

Only one European officer has retained his post with the Chinese Maritime Customs—a Soviet citizen, who is a marine surveyor.

Whether the 1948 Maritime Agreement between the Hong Kong and Nationalist governments—which states that the local Commissioner must be British—will have any effect on the new appointments is not yet known.

During the past year, European officers in the Chinese Maritime Customs have gradually been replaced.

As the Communists advanced and took over control of more and more Customs' posts, the European officers were asked to resign. Most have left China.

Peking has placed the Hong Kong office under the overall control of their Commissioner in Shumchun, Mr. Lai Tien.

LONDON COMMENT ON AIRLINES

London, February 25.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the Government could not interfere with the decision of the Hong Kong Supreme Court that 71 aircraft formerly belonging to the Chinese Nationalists must be transferred to the Chinese People's Government.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said yesterday that America had protested to Britain against the decision to transfer the aircraft to the Chinese Communists.

Questioned today about the American move, the Foreign Office spokesman said the British Government had no power to interfere with a purely judicial decision.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a small depression has developed over the Loochoos and will move NE wards. Pressure is high to the SE of Japan and relatively high over SE China.

Today's Forecast:—Light NE. winds, moderate at times. Fine after clearance of early morning cloud.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 67.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 55.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 5.4 hours.
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—71.6 mms=2.82 ins. Last year to same date an average of 73.4 mms=2.88 ins.

Readings at:—
10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Pressure 1019.8 1016.7 m.b.
Temperature 59.14 69.08 Fahr.
Dew Point 54 51
Humidity 87% 56%
Wind Direction NE NE
Wind Force 7 6
Clouds 10/10 Cu 2/10 Cu

Chiang to emerge from retirement

Taipeh, February 25.

General predictions by high sources both in and out of the Government said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will return as President of Nationalist China within two weeks.

The Generalissimo's advisers have convinced him that Acting President Li Tsung-jen, now in New York for medical treatment, will not return to China soon. Chiang's official emergence from retirement would pave the way for the resignation of the Nationalist Cabinet.

It is expected that the Government will undergo a sweeping reorganisation, which might result in the dismissal of hundreds of officials through elimination of the National Assembly and such governmental organs as the Legislative, Judicial and Control Yuans.—United Press.

REDS TAKE ISLAND OF NAMOA

Taipeh, February 25.

Communist attackers landed on Namoa Island off the mainland seaport of Swatow on Thursday evening, the Nationalist Defence Ministry has acknowledged.

The Communists pronounced that the island was completely conquered, but the Ministry will not admit this quite feasible claim.

Namoa, about 190 miles from Taiwan, is about 30 square miles in area.

Its conquest will free Swatow from blockade and deprive the Nationalists of the main supply point in the seaboard provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung.

The Communist landing, according to the Defence Ministry, was effected after an artillery barrage from the mainland and the two small islands of Fenghu and Luao, flanking Namoa.

The Ministry, preparing the public for the loss of Namoa, claimed it was held by only light forces.

Peking Radio said today that Chinese Red troops had occupied Namoa, a heavily defended Nationalist stronghold 200 miles West of Taiwan.

Occupation of the island will give the Communists another excellent springboard for invasion of Taiwan.

The Communist report said Red troops made the assault on Thursday night and consolidated their position within three hours. It claimed that the Nationalist garrison fled in more than 100 junks.

The report did not mention the size of the landing force or the intensity of fighting. The Communists had been repulsed in several previous attempts to occupy the island. An artillery duel had been under way for several days.—Associated Press and United Press.

GUN BATTLE IN NIGHT CLUB

New York, February 25.

A blazing gun battle in a Greenwich Village night club early today terrorised scores of patrons. Three men, including a policeman, were wounded.

Seven bandits, stationed at strategic spots about the club, tried to rob the late-hour crowd.

One of the hold-up men strode to the stage where entertainers were performing, shoved a singer out of the way, drew a gun, and announced over the microphone: "This is a stick-up. Put your jewellery, purses, and money on the tables. I have six others with me."

Rapid gunfire followed.

One of two detectives in the night club hit the thief, John O'Neal, in the right thigh. The detective was wounded by one of the bandits.—Associated Press.

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First look at the world

"Brumas," first Polar bear cub to be born in the London Zoo and survive more than a few days, seen when it made an outing with its mother "Ivy" in the enclosure at the Zoo. The cub was born some three months ago. "Ivy" came from Hanover Zoo in 1947. Father "Mischa" came to London in 1936.—(AP Photo).

AIR TRAVELLER RACES MAN ON "POGO STICK"

One of the two participators in one of the most unusual races in history passed through here yesterday on his way back to Los Angeles—the starting point of the race.

Mr. Larry Haynes, an unemployed opera singer of 1314 Gordon Street, Hollywood, is the round the world traveller in the race.

His opponent, Mr. Carol Fieldhouse of South Normandy, Los Angeles, mounted on a "pogo stick", is racing with the singer within the limits of Los Angeles.

The race started a few weeks ago when the two young men were selected by Mr. Ralph Edwards, producer of a radio programme—Truth or Consequences, during a show in Los Angeles.

The radio show, sponsored by a soap manufacturer in the United States, called for the contestants to take the consequences if a question was not answered within a limited period of time.

The question which they failed to answer was: "When and if can the Vice-President (of the U.S.) run for Presidency while still in office?"

So at 7 p.m. on February 18 (American Time) the pair got their green light for the race. Haynes boarded a Trans World Airways plane at Los Angeles Municipal Airport bound for New York, his first port of call, whereas Mr. Fieldhouse got on his "pogo stick" and began to race by hopping on the stick from the airport to the Los Angeles City Hall which is on the main street. The latter's total distance is 23 miles.

Prize for winner

A prize of U.S.$1,000 will be given to the winner of the race which is expected to end on Sunday morning (American Time).

Before the pair started out on the race, Mr. Fieldhouse spent much of his time learning how to hop on a "pogo stick" by practicing with a kangaroo, while Mr. Haynes prepared photos and clearances to visit all the countries he would visit on his world flight.

Mr. Haynes said that Mr. Fieldhouse believed the latter's race will be covered within five days. He further said that Mr. Fieldhouse will be followed during the race by a trailer equipped with beds and food and he can stop and rest at any time.

The round the world route of Mr. Haynes includes New York, London, Brussels, Damascus, Basra, Karachi, New Delhi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Tokyo, Midway, Honolulu and Los Angeles.

A married man with a son, Mr. Haynes left here after about an hour's stay, by Philippine Airlines. He arrived from Bangkok by Pan American World Airways.

20 STOWAWAYS IN ONE SHIP

Melbourne, February 25.

Twenty Chinese stowaways were taken in custody when the 5,352-ton British merchant ship Hindustan arrived here from Japan.

The ship had called at Hong Kong, Manila and New Guinea on the voyage. Customs officers said the stowaways will be held in custody until deported to China.—Reuter.

Churchill's memoirs tomorrow

Exclusive publication in Hong Kong of the third book of Winston Churchill's memoirs—"The Grand Alliance"—will begin in the "China Mail" tomorrow.

This will be printed in its entirety, and will be available to the public long before the book itself is on sale.

Readers are strongly advised to make sure in advance of their copies of the "China Mail."

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Mr. and Mrs. R.C.T. Hockridge who were married at the Registrar's office yesterday. The bride is the former Miss Gwyneth Margaret James. ("China Mail" Photo).

Weddings

Hockridge—James

Miss Gwyneth Margaret James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James of Briercliffe, Sketty, Swansea, became the bride of Ronald Charles Thomas Hockridge, at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Hockridge, of 10 Pensonby Road, Stoke, Plymouth.

The bidge wore an Air Force blue coat and tailored skirt with brown accessories, and a brown hat and veil. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The matron of honour was Mrs J. Jolly, who wore a grey suit and a hat trimmed with violets. The bestman was Mr. Cyril Wood.

The bride's going away dress was a blue dress with a brown coat.

A reception was held at the home of Mr. F. C. Clemo, at which a toast was proposed by Mr. Clemo.

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Harris—Moller

Mrs. Elsie Lily Moller, of 4t Elgin Street, Hong Kong, was married to Bernard Harris of the Royal Naval Yard Police at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday. Witnesses were S. Huntley and Mrs. A. McCabe.

Workers' compensation bill for HK

The Deputy Commissioner of Labour for Hong Kong, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, said yesterday that the Hong Kong Workers' Compensation Bill is in the advance stages of drafting.

The Bill is based on the Model Ordinance of the Colonies. Most other Colonies have this Workers' Compensation Bill and when the Bill is passed, workmen in the Colony will have benefits equivalent to workers of other Colonies.

C-IN-C FELF IN HONG KONG

Sir John Harding, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon by a special RAF plane from Singapore on a short visit to the Colony. He was accompanied by Lady Harding.

On his arrival at Kai Tak, Sir John Harding inspected a Guard of Honour drawn from the 1st Battalion Cameronians.

During their stay here, Sir John and Lady Harding will be the guests of the General Officer Commanding in Chief, Hong Kong, Lieutenant-General Sir R. C. Robert Monsergh.

The Commander-in-Chief will inspect Army units in the New Territories during the week. Lady Harding will visit Services welfare clubs and establishments.

Sir John and Lady Harding will return to Singapore on Friday.

Arrested as a result of a complaint from a village elder of Cheung Lan Shu Village, three Kowloon men were fined $15 each on a charges of street gambling by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans told the Court that Yau Tai-king, village elder, complained to the police that strangers recently had gone to the village and enticed the villagers to gamble.

Defendants were caught playing a card game called "Find the Woman." Two other defendants, who pleaded not guilty, were discharged.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and, by no means necessarily agrees with them.

PEN PALS WANTED

Sir,—I would be obliged if you could include my name in your pen pal column.

I am a career girl and I am 22 years old. I am interested in stamps, songs (hit tunes in particular) collecting stars' pictures, reading, going to movies, etc.

For pen pals I would like those around my age or older. I would like to have pen pals in England and also in Hong Kong.

My favourite star is Tyrone Power.

My address is 1 An Hui Street, 1st Floor, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

TERESA DE SENNA.

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RADIO HONG KONG

Sir,—Recently—one week ago to be exact—I purchased a small, but quite powerful radio. And now I understand why there was a spate of criticism in the local press over the programmes from Radio Hong Kong. Really, this local station of ours should be taken in hand immediately in order to give the listener his money's worth.

I don't know whether lack of financial support is the main cause of Radio Hong Kong's being silent almost as long as it is on the air, but, surely, the money could be found to give us a breakfast-time programme—just to send us off to work in a cheerful mood. When you come to think of it, 11.30 p.m. to 12.15 p.m. the following day is a heck of a long spell in which to remain silent.

What about some nice, cheerful music from, say, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. to blend with the morning bacon and eggs?

And what about the housewives, some of whom do dabble in a little housework now and again, who must do their daily chores without the pleasant incentive to good cooking of Robert Tredenuick's "Housewives' Choice" or some similar programme for the ladies?

If commercialism is out—which, I think, is a pity if it curtails listening pleasure—then let some local organisation sponsor a programme or two. They do it for the Forces. Surely, they would be willing to oil the larynxes of a few radio announcers and to grease the wheels of one or two turntables. Even a bit of advertising preferable to a whole morning's silence.

I know that it's very hard to please everybody, and I am sure that the Radio Hong Kong people are doing their best to satisfy as many as possible under difficult conditions. But—and here I am on safe ground—there is definite room for improvement in the type of programmes offered, in the announcing and in the length of time this station is on the air.

At the week-end it's not so bad—but God help the week-day listener. Another local broadcasting organisation can give us an all-day service. Why not Radio Hong Kong? If commercialism is the remedy, then give us commercialism. You can shut your ears for a few minutes when the sponsor takes to his soap box!

Although I am British-born, I rather like the American type of programme, the bright and breezy way of American announcers and the smooth efficiency with which they appear to run their stations. And that doesn't mean that I am a jazz fiend! Classics or Dixieland jazz—they're all welcome in the right doses.

And that brings me to the question of alternative programmes. I wonder if it will be possible for Radio Hong Kong—in their new headquarters—to give us this type of programme: one for the pleasure-seekers and one for the more serious-minded.

Anyway, for the moment, I think that Radio Hong Kong is—Well, let's leave it at that.

"SORROWFUL".

DRASTIC DECREASE IN CHINESE TRADE

Hong Kong's exports to China during January were reduced by more than HK$30,000,000 in declared value as compared with the previous month's figures.

Imports from China, however, showed an increase of more than HK$4,000,000 when compared with December's imports.

Hong Kong merchants sent less goods to Central and North China in January than in December. This apparently was a result of the Nationalist naval blockade and the new regime's trade restrictions in North China.

Exports to South China, however, increased by more than HK$3,000,000 in January compared with the previous month.

January's trade statistics showed that there was in increase in imports from North and Central China but a decrease from South China compared with December's figures.

Hong Kong's exports to China in January exceeded imports by more than HK$41,000,000.

Comparative figures on Hong Kong's recent trade with China follow:

Exports to	January 1950	December 1949	January 1949
	$	$	$
N China	41,037,487	62,301,540	2,712,883
C China	20,084,572	43,589,060	2,626,004
S China	21,507,073	17,909,542	7,830,325
Imports from	**January 1950**	**December 1949**	**January 1949**
	$	$	$
N China	35,614,618	30,407,649	9,423,141
C China	9,712,109	9,023,068	2,568,143
S China	6,254,961	6,967,125	27,815,678

Cotton exports

Hong Kong exported a total of 295,261 piculs of raw cotton last year, according to figures complied by the pro-Communist vernacular "Ta Kung Pao" yesterday.

The greater portion of the exports was shipped out of Hong Kong between April and August. During these months, a total of 221,593 piculs of raw cotton was exported. This was more than 74 per cent of 1949's total figure for raw cotton exports.

Most of the raw cotton exports went to North China and South Korea, said the "Ta Kung Pao".

Raw cotton imports here in the same year totalled 301,790 piculs, valued at HK$64,856,674.

More than 45 per cent of the imports came from Pakistan (138,423 piculs) followed by the United States (102,174 piculs). Burma (15,307 piculs), India (13,140 piculs), Egypt (9,065 piculs), Iran (8,400 piculs), and Thailand, East Africa and other countries (15,312 piculs).

Japan trade

The Department of Supplies and Distribution has been authorised to grant a return exchange allocation of 60 cer cent on all exports to Japan

This percentage will apply to shipments made on or after yesterday last announcement, except in the case of contracts already negotiated on which a higher allocation has been approved.

Personalia

Among the departures for Singapore yesterday by BOAC were F.J. Stell, J.J. Martin, Capt. F.W. H. and Mrs. J. Varley, Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Turner, M.L.M.M. Abdullah, J.F. McDonald, Brig. C.M. Marsden, Col. R.E. Goodwin, J.B. Murray, M.C. Davidson, P. Kelly, H.E. Houghton and Mrs. Laughlin.

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Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Miss L. Bell; Miss H. Ivory, Miss S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. B. Van Zuilden, Miss M. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Booker, Miss J. Dunlop, Miss P. Hirons, Messrs. N. Merrett, W. J. Ellis, C.N. Tucker, C.A. Fillingame, C. Birch, R.C. Chen, F.A. Morgan, M. Napier, H.T. Kenny, B. Johnpoll, S. Baldwin, L.P. Meseelier and Sir D. Hall.

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Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Miss M. Fowler, Mrs. J.R. Laughlin, Mrs. R.W. Heavey, Messrs. E.V. Pettis, E.J.E. Burt, G.C. Harrison, C.H. Bancroft, H.R. Nicholls, J.T. Waters, R.R. Reiss, N. Nathanson, and D.H.W. Brown.

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Messrs. Frank O. Blake, F. Anderson, and M. Sambue were among those who left the Colony yesterday for Hanoi by Air France.

KOREANS ATTACK UN COMMISSION

Seoul, February 25.

Communist North Korean border guards fired 15 to 20 shots today at the United Nations Commission on Korea when it visited the 38th parallel.

One shot struck within two yards of the chairman, Kasim Gulek of Turkey. Mr. Gulek said the others were wild. The members of the Commission sought cover behind pillboxes when the North Koreans opened fire with what sounded like rifles and tommy guns.

The members of the Commission had climbed a hill 50 miles North East of Seoul during a two-day field inspection.

Mr. Gulek said the trip had been given advance publicity and the Commission members were visible to the Northerners who were on a higher hill.

Mr. Gulek said he was told that fanatical but ignorant guards were assigned to the border and that the Northern army itself is less opposed to the Southern Republic.

Refugees, Mr. Gulek said, pictured Northern propaganda as viewing both the Commission and the South Korean Government as puppets of the United States—Associated Press.

Tenancy fraud failed

Wong Fai, aged 28, clerk of Rayden and Company, was fined $500 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to two charges of obtaining money by false pretences.

Denfendant was stated to have obtained, on October 18, $1,500 and the following day $1,000 from Mok Tin-chui by pretending that he was the tenant of Room 211 Edinburgh House and that he would transfer the room to complainant.

The prosecution's story was that on October 18 defendant approached Mok and told him that he was in a position to let him have his room at Edinburgh House. A sum of $10,000 was asked by defendant and to this Mok agreed.

It was also agreed that $2,500 was to be paid in advance the balance to be paid in the office at Edinburgh House.

Mok then paid defendant $1,500 on October 18 and on the following day another $1,000.

Eventually, Mok went to Edinburgh House and found there was no office there.

Mok then made a report to the police and defendant was subsequently arrested.

Detective Sub-Inspector Scragg said that defendant's father was willing to make good the $2,500 which defendant had taken away from Mok.

HAD NO LICENCE

Pleading guilty to a charge of driving a car without a licence, S. E. Black, aged 20 of 353 The Peak was fined $100 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

On Friday night defendant drove private car No. 417 along Caroline Hill Road and knocked down a woman. Defendant had an Irish licence.

New Delhi, February 25.

The Indian Foreign Ministry has no comment on reports that Philippines President Quirino is planning to call a conference of South East Asian and Western Pacific democracies at Baguio.—United Press.

BANDS TO PLAY ON RADIO HK

Bands of the Royal Marines and Army regiments in Hong Kong will play in weekly "Hong Kong Band Call" broadcasts from the Nine Dragons Services Club during March, it was officially announced yesterday.

The band concerts have been arranged by Radio Hong Kong for broadcasting on Thursdays at 8.10 p.m. The introductions will be given by Captain David Jones of the Royal Marines. The concerts will be open to all Servicemen in the Colony.

The programme for next month follows:

March 2: The Band of the 1st Bth. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Band Master—Mr. Howe, LRAM, ARCM.

March 9: The Band of the Royal Marines. Band Master—Mr. A. E. Stagg, LRAM, RM.

March 16: The Band of the 1st Btn. The Middlesex Regiment (DCO). Band Master—Mr. Barnett, ARCM.

March 23: The Band of the 1st Btn. The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Band Master — Mr. Purcell, ARCM.

March 30: The Band of the Royal Marine Commandos. Band Master—Mr. A. O. White, LRAM, RM.

The Nine Dragons Services Club has secured the services of Billy Tingle, well-known physical training expert. He will take charge of boxing and to teach physical training every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The classes will start on February 28, Mr. F. C. Clemo has offered to contribute a boxing ring to the Club.

On Wednesday, a feature length film, "Gunga Din," will be shown free of charge to Servicemen at 8 p.m.

Canton exchange rates

Official rates fixed by the Canton authorities for the surrender of foreign exchange earned by exports of certain products have been revised by the South China Foreign Trade Administration, trade department of the Government.

The list of products and the revised rates were published in yesterday's pro-Communist "Ta Kung Pao."

They are Tung Oil: HK$320 a quintal; Aniseed Oil: HK$1,750 a quintal; Teaseed Oil: HK$250 a quintal; Cassia Lignea (60 catties to a case): HK$80 a quintal; Cassia Lignea (84 catties to a case): HK$85 a quintal; Ramie (Yuankiang): HK$330 a quintal; Flax (Yuankiang): HK$315 a quintal; Rosin (East River): HK$70 a quintal; Dick Feathers: HK$650 a quintal; Cow Hides: HK$650 a quintal; Silk Waste: HK$650 a quintal; Live Pigs: HK$350 a quintal; Hen Eggs: HK$16 a 100.

Seaman fined for assault

R. W. Durkson, aged 26, seaman of the ss. Lake Cantrain, was fined $25 by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious damage and assault. Defendant was also ordered to pay $200 compensation to the White Horse Cafe in Lockhart Road.

According to the prosecution, defendant threw a flower pot at a sailor, K. Booth.

After this, Booth tried to leave the cafe but was prevented from doing so by defendant who then attacked him.

As a result various articles in the cafe, valued at $200, were damaged.

Defendant told the court that he was drunk at the time and did not know what he was doing.

Court Brevities

Pleading guilty to two charges of using a private car for hire and driving without the permission of the owner, Lamon Fuiman, aged 26, was fined $150 by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Intercepted at Wong Tai Sai, defendant admitted to the Police that he was paid $5 by a passenger who was picked up at Nathan Road on Friday afternoon.

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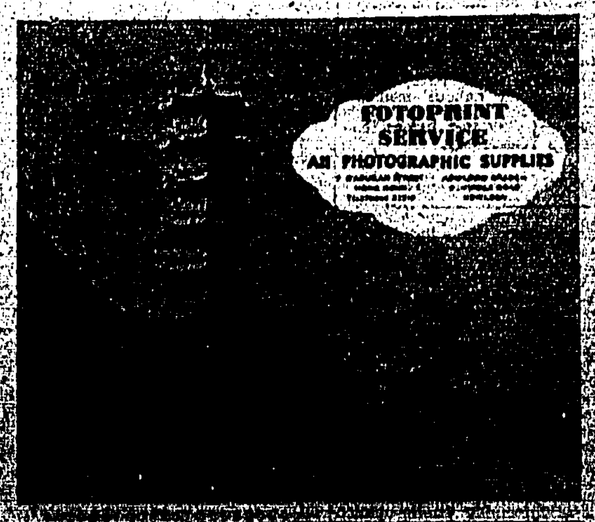
Sentence of a year's hard labour was imposed on Wong Kong, alias Wong Kau-chai, by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for a breach of deportation order.

Banished after serving a two-year term for the possession of arms and ammunition, the defendant with another Wong Sau-ki, facing ammunition charges, pleaded guilty to two charges of arms and possession of arms and ammunition.



HK REPRESENTATIVES AT MANILA CONGRESS

Three representatives of the Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce will fly to Manila to tomorrow to attend the International Junior Chambers of Commerce Congress to be held in the Philippines from March 1-8.

The delegation is headed by Mr. Austin Coates, Assistant Colonial Secretary, who is a member of the Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce in an advisory capacity.

He will be accompanied by Mr. Bernard Croft, and Mr. P. S. Chiu.

Mr. Austin Coates

At a luncheon held last week by the sponsors of the organisation, Mr. Arnhold Hall, secretary, said the byelaws and constitution of the Hong Kong chapter have been drawn up, but have not yet been promulgated. The local chamber has not yet been officially formed, but it is proposed to do this when the delegates return, in about two weeks' time.

Mr. Hall also reviewed the progress made by the sponsors in realising their objective, and gave a list of the many hurdles that have now been overcome.

Until the arrival of Mr. John Ng from Manila in December, he said, Hong Kong had no knowledge at all of the existence of an International Junior Chamber of Commerce organisation.

Mr. Ng came here as a representative of the Philippine Chamber, and in a series of meetings with young businessmen here, succeeded in impressing them with the desirability of a Chamber of their own.

The present prospects of the organisation, Mr. Hall said, are entirely due to the concerted interest displayed both by Mr. Ng and the Filipino Chamber of Commerce.

Definition

He defined a Junior Chamber of Commerce as primarily designed to encourage young businessmen and professionals in their work, and also to promote among young people a sense of civic responsibility:

> A Junior Chamber of Commerce is not a YMCA nor a glorified boy scouts' unit. It is as its name implies, a gathering of young businessmen whose aim is the promotion of executive ability and the spread of commercial goodwill.

From out of nothing, Mr. Hall said, the outlines of a Chamber are now clearly established, and it will not be long before inauguration will take place. He hopes membership will be large, because on it will depend the size and extent of the Chamber's future work. Ultimate plans envisage Chamber quarters, a paid secretary, and affiliation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce International.

He paid a tribute to Mr. Coates, who was interested in the project from the beginning.

Mr. Coates, speaking after Mr. Hall, said that a Junior Chamber of Commerce was a good thing because it would place young men of Hong Kong in touch with young men abroad. It would broaden their outlook and enable them to establish easy international contacts. It was the universality of the concept which particularly appealed to him.

He promised to give a faithful account of the Philippine celebrations on his return.

More than 30 people were present at the Lunch, considered the best so far.

According to Mr. Hall, many influential young men have come forward in support of the Chamber. To his mind they represented a convincing nucleus.

Following is the full list of sponsors:—C. Riber; G. V. Calhoun; M. Wittee; Frank Yeh; Anthony Reiss; William Ling; Kenneth Chun; Everard Cho; Harold Bruce; E. U. Lyen; Henry Howell; Paul Limhow Ping; Alexander Ng; Dick Neepang; U Manfoo; Jung Sen-lee; U. Frank; Chiu Pat-sun; Lee Ming; J. Deswami; Edward Tan; William Auman; F. A. Broadbridge; S. T. Chau; A. E. Frills; B. Croft; C. F. Cheng; W. K. Lee; William Choy; R. S. Nelson; Wu Kai-sien; R. J. Mille; Allan Li; Joseph Lim; Henry Eu and Ramon Young.

Australians on way to Manila

Six members of the Australian Junior Chamber of Commerce passed through the Colony yesterday on their way to Manila to attend the fifth Convention of the International Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Led by Mr. H. Harvey, President of the Australian JCC, the other members of the delegation are Messrs. J. A. Raftly, R. L. Cooper, K. Meyers, D. Simpson and J. Cooper.

Both Mr. Harvey and Mr. Simpson are from Adelaide, Mr. J. Cooper is from Hobart, and the others from Melbourne.

Sponsored by the Australian Government, the delegation is financially supported by private enterprises in Australia.

Mr. D. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, in a personal message given to the delegates before their departure, said that the delegation represents the best commercial interest of Australia.

The delegation arrived from Singapore by Cathay Pacific Airways early yesterday morning. CPA also flew the delegation to Manila at 1.30 p.m.

They hope to visit the Colony for a short period before proceeding home after the Manila meeting.

Warning to dog owners

A spokesman of the Urban Council said yesterday that judging from the number of inoculations performed to date at the centres and by the approved private veterinary surgeons, it is obvious that a considerable number of dogs had not yet been inoculated and licensed.

He reminded the general public that all dogs must be inoculated against rabies before they can be licensed by the Police, and that the licensing period for the Urban areas expires on March 31.

He warned that after March 31 any dog owner who had not had his dog inoculated and licensed will become liable to prosecution in accordance with the provisions of the Dogs and Cats Ordinance, 1950.

To avoid a last minute rush, dog owners should take their dogs as soon as possible to the district inoculation centre or to one of the approved private Veterinary Surgeons. When this had been done, the inoculation permit should be taken to the nearest Police Station and a licence obtained for the dog.

Inoculation programme

Next month's programme for the Dog Inoculation Centres is:

Hong Kong: Arbuthnot Road Centre (opposite Hong Kong Magistracy), Period operating: March 1 to 31 (Sundays excepted); Hours: 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Leighton Hill Road Centre (Hawker Office Compound); Period operating: March 1 to 18 (Sundays excepted); Hours: 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Stanley Centre (Annex of Medical Department Clinic); Period operating: March 20 to 21; Hours: 8.30 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m. Aberdeen Centre (Aberdeen Market compound); Period operating: March 22 to 23; Hours: 8.30 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m. Sai Wan Ho Centre (Sai Wan Ho Market compound); Period operating: March 25 to 28 (Sundays excepted); Hours: 8.30 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4.30 p.m. Belcher's Street Centre (Ground floor of Sanitary Dept. Staff Quarters); Period operating: March 29 to 31, Hours: 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

Kowloon: Kowloon Tong Centre (opposite Kowloon Tong Club): Period operating: March 1 to 31 (Sundays excepted); Hours: 8 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Tsim Sha Tsui Centre (Garage at rear of Kowloong Post Office); Period operating: March 1 to 31 (Sundays excepted); Hours: 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4.30 p.m.

CHILD PIANIST GOING TO U.S.

Seven-year-old Pauline Cheng, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cheng See-yan, leaves for America today on the President Cleveland to continue her music studies.

She is an extremely capable child-pianist, who performed last year at the pianoforte recital at St. Paul's College.

Pauline was a pupil of Professor Harry Ore and Professor Gonzalis, and was accepted at an American music school on the strength of their recommendation.

She will be accompanied by her mother.

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Reminders

Today

Toc H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, sketching party to Shatin, members to meet at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, tombola, 8 p.m.

European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Germany" by Segt. P. Brampton, 8.30 p.m.

Polo and Hunt Club meet at Sheungshui near Fanling, 11.30 a.m.

Concert by Maestro Elisio Gualdi with the Choral Group and Orchestra at the Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

St. David's Society, wreath-laying at Cenotaph, by Society's President, 8.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

British Council sponsored lecture on Chinese civilisation "The Geography of China" by Prof. Cheng Te-kun, Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Whist Drive, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Urban Council meeting GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Dancing Class: 2.30 p.m. Whist Drive (Cash Prizes) 8 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H meeting, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group, 8.45 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on "Parliament and Executive Government" by Mr. Robert Brucem Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Women's Section, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.

Travellers undaunted by raids

Train travellers between Kowloon and Canton remain undaunted despite the recent air attacks by Nationalist planes which in the last raid caused the death of some 15 passengers in the down train and injured many more.

Through train service between Kowloon and Canton was suspended following the capture of the Kwangtung capital by the Communists last year. Local service to Lowu, however, has been maintained. Passengers for Canton transfer to trains serviced by the Canton authorities from the station at the border.

As local railway authorities are not in communication with the Communists, it could not be ascertained whether or not the rail service on the other side of the border had been effected by the recent Nationalist raids. Service on this side remains normal, a KCR official said.

Irish to celebrate

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the President of the St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong, Mr. F. G. Maunder will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m.

In commemoration of the Patron Saint of Ireland a dinner-dance will be held in the evening at the Hong Kong Hotel. Cocktails will be served between 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. and dinner at 8.30 p.m., while dancing will start at 10 p.m.

Roman Catholic members of the Society have been granted dispensation between 7.30 p.m. and midnight on Friday by the Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong.

Plans of the seating arrangements will be available at the Cocktail Lounge, Hong Kong Hotel. To avoid confusion, members should check the position of their tables during cocktails.

Table reservations must be made at the Reception Desk, Hong Kong Hotel. Members must indicate whether they wish to have their own table or whether they intend joining other members at one table.

For the convenience of members residing in Kowloon, a special late ferry from Hong Kong to Kowloon will run at 2.30 a.m. The normal charge of 20 cents will be made irrespective of whether the passenger holds a monthly ticket or not.

Early applications for invitations should be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Denis G. Sherriff, as the number is limited to 500. Applications must reach Mr. Sherriff not later than March 10.

Officers and General Committee of 1950 of the St. Patrick's Society are:

President: F. G. Maunder, Esq., Vice-Presidents: The Hon. J. B. Griffin, K. C. and R. E. Farrell, Esq., Hon. Secretary: Denis G. Sherriff, Hon. Treasurer: F. Shanks, Esq., Committee: Mrs. E. M. Wyllie, Surgeon Captain J. G. Maguire, R. N., Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Hennessy, RAMC, W. McColl, Esq., Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, D. J. S. Crozier, Esq., W. La B. Sparrow, Esq., J. D. P. Byrne, Esq., and Dr. J. H. McElney.

The Sub-Committee who are in charge of the Dinner and Dance are: Messrs. F. G. Maunder, Denis G. Sherriff, F. Shanks, B. D'Arcy Leitch and Mrs. E. M. Wyllie.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Tokyo and Yokohama on account of typhus, it was officially stated yesterday.

Sino-British music group's concert

An enterprising, but indifferent rendering of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, and failure to comprehend the airy lightness of Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave" overture, almost spoilt the latest performance of the Sino-British Orchestra at St. Stephen's Girl's School last Friday.

The orchestra revealed its immature but growing status in several instances. Incoherence at the outset unhappily paved the way for a succession of **faux pas**, which the ill-advised aspiration towards Beethoven only served to embellish.

An a body the orchestra is not nearly large enough to interpret Beethoven, but if it must do this, then perhaps the Pastoral would have been more apt. It failed to capture the staggering deep tones of the opening movement, and the lack of bite was so evident that a crisis was only averted by a rally of the bass in the background.

On one occasion the strings sought to outdo the precussion instruments, and during the andante the horns were indiscriminately profuse. Evidence of studious rehearsal was supplied during the staccato exchanges, but towards the end, particularly during the concluding bars, the bass and drums refit the air with their rasping loudness.

Suggestion of scramble

The orchestra was weakest in the tender passages, and the first violins were misfit. Instrumentally the wind section was the most coherent ingredient of the ensemble, but the achievement of tonal understanding failed completely to eliminate a suggestion of scramble.

The impression was sustained throughout the rendition of the symphony that it was put on despite mature advice to desist from such works for the present. The result was a mixture which reduced many grand interludes to whispers.

The overture "Fingal's Cave", by Mendelssohn, was not well done. While in the Beethoven symphony occasional perplexing harshness was softened by the persistence of the brass, here no opportunity was provided for the immersion of mistakes into mood. The result was sometimes glaring.

The English horn missed its cue in the beautiful movement leading to the vague innuendo towards the middle, and the 'cellos were pitted against the violins in a reflection of entanglement. The second violins failed a grasp the fundamental importance of their part, and a complex haze of discord prevailed to the end.

The really sympathetic rendition of the evening was the Bach suite, where the flute achieved a quality designed to soothe. The orchestra, apparently, knew Bach, or perhaps the risk of incongruity was allayed by the opportunities presented in the suite for individualistic concepts.

Mr. C. K. Wong showed a capable command of his instrument, and was in his element even in the split-second notes. His rendition was admirable, and worth the applause it received.—A.D.C.

CONCERT BY CHORAL GROUP

A concert of sacred music and arias from famous operas by the world's composers will be given by the Choral Group with orchestral accompaniment at 5 p.m. today at the Maryknoll Convent School Hall, Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

The choir of more than 40 voices will be accompanied by an orchestra of about 26 instruments, with Maestro Elisio Gualdi conducting, and Very Rev Fr. A Riganti at the piano.

The first part of the programme will consist of sacred music by W. Mozart, G. Bizet G. Rossini, L. Perosi, F. Durante and J. Croce and the second half will be made up of well known arias from famous operas by Guiseppe Verdi, Pietro Masengni and G. Donizetti.

The Soloists will be Madame Lola Chang, Lola Penn, Amy Au, Giuletta Chu, Herry Talbot Francisco D'Aquino and Y.Y. Leung.

Admission is free. A collection will be taken during the concert in aid of the Catholic Centre.

TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded classical music will be presented at Talbot House (Toc H) 50, Macdonnell Road at 8.30 p.m. today.

The programme will include Royal Fireworks Suite (Handel), Toccata & Fugue in D Minor (Bach). Harpsichord Suite No 2 in G (Vivaldi)| Cello Concerto No 1 in A Minor (Saint-Saens), Symphony No. 5 in D Minor, "The Reformation" (Mendelssoln).

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate valued at $84,800 was left by Chong Quin Len, otherwise known as Chong Quin-len, formerly of Thursday Island and late of Marine Parade, Redcliffe, near Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, who died on November 13 1947.

An application by Mr. C. D. Slade, barrister-at-law, lawful attorney for recealing certified copy of exemplification of probate of will has been granted for and on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited.

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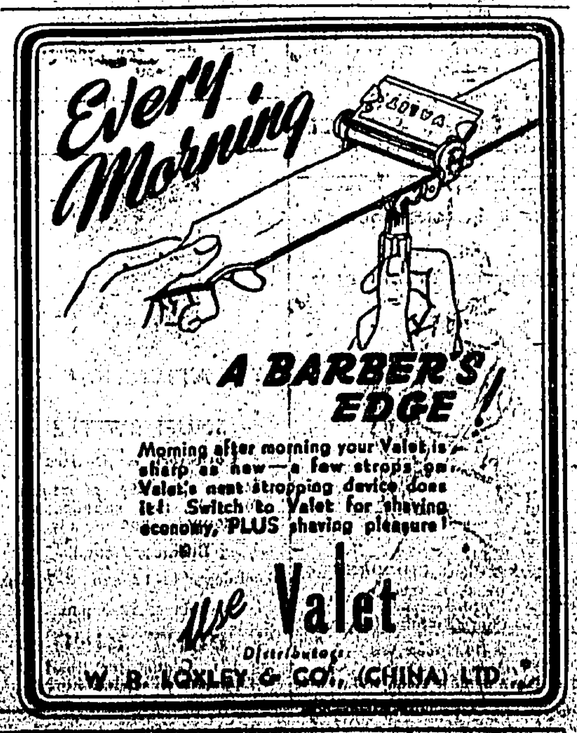

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HONG KONG

Arbuthnot Road Centre (opposite Hong Kong Magistracy)
Period operating Hours: 1st—31st March (Sundays excepted) 8—11 a.m. and 3—6 p.m.

Leighton Hill Road Centre (Hawker Office compound)
Period operating Hours: 1st—16th March (Sundays excepted) 8—11 a.m. and 3—6 p.m.

Stanley Centre (Annex of Medical Department Clinic)
Period operating Hours: 20th & 21st March 8.30—11 a.m. and 2—4.30 p.m.

Aberdeen Centre (Aberdeen Market compound)
Period operating Hours: 22nd—24th March 8.30—11 a.m. and 2—4.30 p.m.

Sai Wan Ho Centre (Sai Wan Ho Market compound)
Period operating Hours: 25th—28th March (Sundays excepted) 8.30—11 a.m. and 2—4.30 p.m.

Belcher's Street Centre (Ground floor of Sanitary Department Staff Quarters)
Period operating Hours: 29th—31st March 8—11 a.m. and 3—6 p.m.

KOWLOON

Kowloon Tong Centre (opposite Kowloon Tong Club)
Period operating Hours: 1st—31st March (Sundays excepted) 8—11 a.m. and 3—6 p.m.

Tsim Sha Tsui Centre (Garage at rear of Kowloon Post Office)
Period operating Hours: 1st—31st March (Sundays excepted) 8—11 a.m. and 1—4.30 p.m.

N. B. M. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.

February 24, 1950.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the HONG KONG HOTEL ROOF GARDEN on THURSDAY, 2nd March, 1950, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are particularly urged to attend.

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Authority:—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY.
Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong.

February 25, 1950.

NOTICE TO TRADERS — No. 5.

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1. This Department has been authorised to grant a return exchange allocation of 60% on all exports to Japan.

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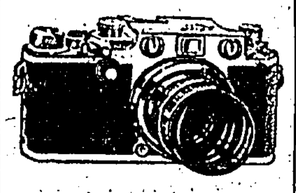

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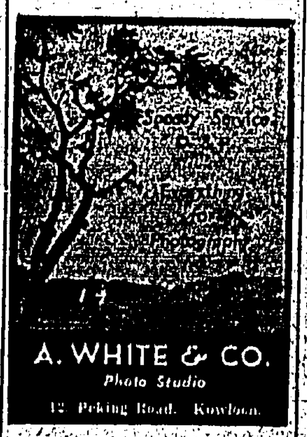

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In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)

Better not be in a hurry. Success in a long-drawn-out scheme seems certain if you are prepared to wait until Saturday. In particular, money problems are likely to be solved in a way you did not expect. Some arrangement to cover next few years ratified end of week.

FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)

Better clear up any purely personal ventures early in week. During the last few days you will be much tied to the family and to older associates. Some problem of a legacy or insurance might be satisfactorily settled.

MARCH

(February 19—March 20)

Difficult to get all the co-operation you need this week. Take care someone on whom you have relied for several months does not let you down. Financially the outlook is promising, but you find it difficult to collect what you need before Thursday.

APRIL

(March 21—April 20)

Likely to be a stagnant week in business but profitable in other ways. What you fail to make at your job you will probably gain through social link-ups or speculation. Thursday likely to be the most profitable day of the seven.

MAY

(April 21—May 20)

Temporary hold-up in your affairs need not prove depressing. Prospects for end of month and April are bright, but you may find you have to lay out a good deal on current expenses. Rule out speculation of any kind end of week.

JUNE

(May 21—June 20)

Week of important correspondence and possibly of some new contract. But you may find it difficult to get relatives or older friends interested in your projects. If in need of financial backing, look to comparative strangers rather than the family.

JULY

(June 21—July 20)

Much time and thought given to financial problems and possibly some arrangement made that ties you down over next few months. An important week for contracts, leases, insurance or mortgage schemes.

AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)

Some long-standing argument with officials or financial backers a head this week. ke an attempt ding difficulties. Now ventures s promise well for

SEPT

(A tember 22)

The business pro-ceeds and income keeps vel, you may be und bout the near future. esponsibilities weigh ill be difficult to sha ust yet. Better wa end of the month make a final break.

OCTOB

(Sept tober 23)

Don't ple influence your de xt few days. Also, it to take on additiona ities at the moment. eriences con-nected w friendship or love affa y with children.

NOVEMB

(Octob mber 22)

Problem over a new house or uses. Also, an investm omised well may dep dily. Your best policy mise a little and de sary moves until end o

DECEMBEI

(Novembe mber 20)

It may b to put off business da longer. Conferences ments early in week lea me important gesture lay. Helpful the part of a neighbour lative.

SUNDAY, F 26:

FOR MOS A good day for the n or conventionally Worthwhile spending mo tertaining or following ing introductions. FO TODAY WEAR OR U inal red, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY F:

From the po of material success y-making, this will be a emember. Whether or nork hard you should money comes easily throughout 1950. You will y spend most of what our way but enjoy yours process.

In one way or a good deal will pas h your hands and it is ou to be as sensible abo you can. Although saving difficult it would be wor making the effort to put aside in view of possibilities in 1951. Your or income should increase a ill also gain through wind possibly through spe

Socially this shou outstanding year but ds you make in 1950 whly be people with bigge es than your own. Hence, likely to spend rather fun you can afford in an a o keep up with them. A mount of entertaining wably be necessary but afte watch what goes out rath ully.

Whatever unconve or re-bellious ideas you herish, don't all them thi Prosperity and success depend on your keep with conventional people doing nothing to offend th sibilities.

It is an excellent y getting married; indee now single, you will pr find prosperity as well as ss in the marriage state. ready settled, you will find more comfortable year tha have had for some time an dis-cover that many clo tives and friends are gettin ried.

MONDAY, FEBRUAR

FOR MOST OF US: icult to accomplish much d first half of day, but the evening should prove more propitious. Changes beneficial if they can be affected without argument. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Bright yellow, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

If you are hoping to settle down to a placid and easy year you are likely to be disappointed. If, however, the spirit of adventure is somewhere in your make-up and you enjoy a changeful and interesting existence, this will be a year after your own heart. Between now and your next birthday you will experience many vicissitudes but also have achieved some unexpected success.

Don't waste time in regretting the past or considering what you might have done last year. Get on with the next thing and do all you can to make a success of it. A period round about June or July may prove unexpectedly eventful and progressive.

Financially all's well although your expenses this year may be heavier than you anticipated. Certain changes will probably be necessary during the next six months and one of them will be costly to carry through. But if you try to postpone reshuffles, you will have cause to regret it before the end of the year.

It may be essential to travel although journeys would be difficult and tiring this year. If you do not go abroad, then you will have much to do with people from overseas and will certainly move house before Christmas.

Personal relationships may be rather disturbed, particularly at the beginning and end of the year. A new friendship may prove all-engrossing may lead to trouble among relatives. But if now single, remember that it is a good year for getting married and, if already married, don't flinch from changes because they are likely to entail extra work and trouble.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

FOR MOST OF US: Keep your feet on the earth this morning. Useless cherishing fantasies or wrong ideas. Any difficulties ahead can be solved only by patience and hard work. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Navy blue, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Wishful thinking is likely to be your chief enemy during 1950. If you can avoid this failing and think on strictly practical lines, all will be well. There is progress to be made this year provided you are willing to work and be patient.

Present conditions may seem complicated and difficult, but in the next few months you should get an opportunity to ensure not only your own security but that of relatives as well. Don't worry if your prospects do not appear to improve in 1950; the next few years are likely to be more important than the immediate future.

Although you may complain that ready cash is scarce, you will be adding to your assets throughout the year. So by your next birthday you should be in a more secure position than you are at the moment. It might be worth while buying a house or land if you can afford to do so.

Older people will play a leading part in your affairs throughout most of 1950. Relationship with anybody much your senior will be happy and profitable. There is a chance that you may take up work under your former employer or colleague.

Within the family all's well in 1950, but mischief-makers will be active outside. Prepare for hostility, quarrels, possible scandal among people whom you have hitherto trusted.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1:

FOR MOST OF US: Good for straight forward business but somewhat adverse for changes or personal affairs. Don't speculate. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pale yellow, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

In material matters you should jog along fairly comfortably this year. Provided you don't take undue risks or yield to extravagant tastes, you should have little to worry about in 1950. But on the personal side life may be rather complicated and you experience more than one disappointment.

Troubles this year centre round women in your circle. A woman friend in whom you had placed great trust is likely to play you a shabby trick. Men, on the other hand, are likely to be helpful throughout the twelve months.

Certain business reshuffles may be necessary. The best time to put them through would be within the next few weeks or about September. If you dislike your present job or occupation, consider a change near this date.

It should be possible to travel if you have the inclination to do so. Better keep yourself a free agent and be ready to set off at short notice. Probably the period round about June or July is the most likely one.

Better be a little dispassionate about your friends and relatives if you are to achieve peace of mind in 1950. Friendships that begin with ardour are likely to end in disillusionment. At the same time, you may have difficulties with a woman relative. Marriage plans would be best put on one side until at the earliest just before your 1950 birthday

THURSDAY, MARCH 2:

FOR MOST OF US: With a little effort and skill you should be able to cash in on the week's efforts. But don't expect any new scheme to go through without hindrance. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:—Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Now begins a year of curiously mixed prospects. On the one hand you will be breaking new ground, engineering changes both in your business and private affairs. On the other hand, Fate seems to bring you in touch once more with old friends and a former occupation.

Although reshuffles may prove expensive at first, they will prove fortunate in the end. Also, you will only achieve peace of mind by some re-arrangement of your affairs. Don't postpone new moves later than August if you want to put them through with the minimum amount of trouble.

If you get a chance to go back to somewhere you lived before, or take up a former job again it might be as well to do so. Someone much older and more responsible seems to take an interest in you and it would not be wise to discourage this. Don't neglect the little attentions necessary in dealing with someone much your elder.

You need not worry about money, provided you are moderately economical and do not speculate. Any financial dangers this year would arise from your own extravagance and from carelessness over gambling.

1950 may mark a turning point in your personal life. If unmarried, it is very possible that you would link up with a former sweetheart or friend. If already married, the claims of older people will have to be considered in any plans you make this year.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3:

FOR MOST OF US: In spite of the approaching week-end, concentrate on new ideas. Worth while taking a chance on some out of the way scheme this morning. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Leaf green, 4, Emerald.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Forget the mistakes you made last year and think only of the present. If you want to make money, be successful in 1950, concentrate on entirely new schemes. It is useless worrying about what you might or might not have done in the past.

Something unusual but profitable comes your way in the next few months. Round about August or September you should get a chance to strike out on quite new lines. Though you may find fresh work difficult at first, it would be worth while making an effort to cope with it. Staying in a groove would be harmful in 1950.

Financially, it should be a good year though you may not see much result from new schemes until late in 1950. There is some likelihood of a windfall or "gambler's luck" in June or September.

If you get a chance to travel, take it without hesitation. Good fortune would probably follow any trip abroad within the next few months. But if you go abroad, you are likely to be on the move and not to settle in any one place.

There is a new period of happiness ahead, so keep an open mind about people you meet in the next few months. If now unattached, a link-up of the first importance is likely before the end of July. If married, the family circle changes for the better during the same period.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4:

FOR MOST OF US: Problems of scarcity and restriction should fill the news this morning. Hence a somewhat depressing atmosphere most of the day. Better stick to routine and deal mainly with trusted people. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Cream, 1, Crystal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Now begins an outstanding and important year of your life. Whatever you may have planned to do in 1950, Fate will take a hand in the game. In spite of yourself you will probably have to tread a special path during the latter half of the year.

A change-over of a momentous kind is due early in September. It will probably lead you back into scenes of youth or childhood, or tie you up closely with relatives or older people. Although in a material sense a reshuffle of this kind would be fortunate, the restrictions attached to it may be irksome.

There seems no need to worry about money. Throughout 1950 you will be providing for the future and have good hope of increased assets before the end of the year. There is also the likelihood of speculative gains towards your next birthday.

It is important to take care of health this year, particularly if you have sensitive nerves or digestion. Also the health of an older person with whom you are closely associated probably gives cause for anxiety during September.

Probably it will be a happier year for those already married than for anyone still single. If still unattached, it is not likely that new friendships or romances will flourish in 1950. Family restrictions and criticism would be all against them. But if already settled, the claims of much older people need not hamper social activities to any extent.

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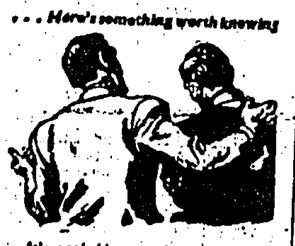

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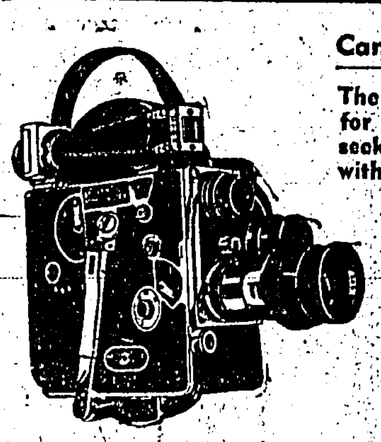

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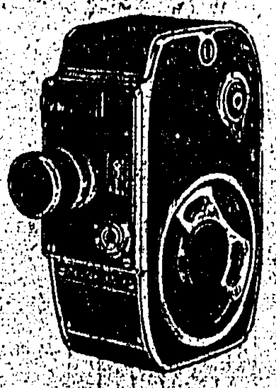

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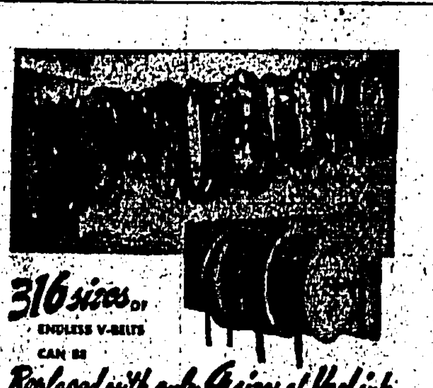

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HERNTON.—(Electorate 60,178). H. D. Oakshott (Conservative) 25,309; Sir Frank Soskice (Labour) 22,090; Henry G. White (Liberal) 10,324; Conservative majority 3,219. New Constituency.

BILSTON.—(Electorate 97,220). W. Nally (Labour, Co-operative) 29,910; J. Godrich (Conservative) 17,859; Labour majority 12,061. No change. Previous result: 1945—Nally (Labour) 31,493, Gibbins (Conservative) 14,691, Eaton (Independent Labour Party) 849. Labour majority 16,802. Labour gain from Conservative.

BIRMINGHAM (PERRY BARR).—(Electorate 49,312). C. C. Poole (Labour) 23,178; Sir Edward Boyle (Cons.) 15,172; Mrs F. N. Hinks (Liberal) 2,581; Labour majority 8,006. New Constituency.

BRADFORD EAST.—(Electorate 64,730). F. McLeavy (Labour) 27,694; G. F. Greenbank (Conservative-National Liberal) 12,927; J. S. Snowden (Liberal) 5,565; H. Green (Communist) 843; Labour majority 15,167. No change. Previous result: 1945—McLeavy (Labour) 15,743, Taylor (Cons.) 9,109, Ballantine (Independent Labour Party) 5,103, Snowden (Liberal) 5,010. Labour majority 6,634. Labour gain from Conservative.

LEICESTER NORTH-WEST.—(Electorate 51,174). B. Janner (Labour) 23,503; N. Nicholson (Conservative) 15,912; R.A. Burrows (Liberal) 5,030; Labour majority 7,593. New Constituency.

FINCHLEY.—(Electorate 71,687). Capt. J.F.E. Crowder (Conservative) 32,262; Mrs. Dorothy Pickles (Labour) 19,683; Sir Andrew McFadyean (Liberal) 9,094; Conservative majority 12,579. No change. Previous result 1945—Crowder (Conservative) 24,256, Lacey (Labour) 18,611, Goldblatt (Liberal) 7,104. Conservative majority 5,645. No change.

HAYES AND HARLINGTON.—(Electorate 43,893). W. H. Ayles (Labour) 22,400; C. C. Vinson (Conservative) 11,218; J. W. Last (Liberal) 3,003; F. Foster (Communist) 503; Labour majority 11,272. New Constituency.

LEIGH.—(Electorate 61,804). H. Boardman (Labour) 34,320; J. Whiteley (Conservative) 19,720; Labour majority 14,600. No change. Previous result: 1945—Boardman (Labour) 32,447, Hill (Cons.) 14,029. Labour majority 18,418. No change.

HACKNEY SOUTH.—(Electorate 75,828). H. W. Butler (Labour) 33,621; H. P. Brooks (Conservative) 15,105; F. W. Murlow (Liberal) 5,575; J. Betteridge (Communist) 2,199; Labour majority 20,716. New Constituency.

STOKE (STAVINGTON AND HACKNEY NORTH).—(Electorate 76,218). D. Weitzman (Labour) 33,768; H. Bishop (Conservative) 19,469; P. Phillips (Liberal) 7,740; J. Hargrave (Social Credit) 551; Labour majority 14,314. New Constituency.

WANDSWORTH-CLAPHAM.—(Electorate 60,868). C. W. Gibson (Labour) 23,300; Captain Roy Lowndes (Conservative) 22,094; Mrs. B. Curtis (Liberal) 3,071; Mrs G. Draper (Communist) 619; Labour majority 1,206. No change. Previous result: 1945—Battley (Labour) 15,203, Lowndes (Cons.) 10,014, Paterson (Liberal) 2,850. Labour majority 5191. Labour gain from Conservation.

ILFORD NORTH.—(Electorate 67,720). G. Hutchinson (Conservative) 29,950; Mrs. Mable Rideaigh (Labour Co-op) 21,285; S. W. Alexander (Liberal) 6,009; Conservative majority 8,665. Conservative gain. Previous result: 1945—Mrs. Rideaigh (Labour) 18,833, Hutchinson (Cons.) 16,013, (Lady Rhys-Williams (Liberal) 9,128. Labour majority 2,820. Labour gain from Conservative.

ILFORD SOUTH.—(Electorate). A. E. Cooper (Conservative) 28,087; J. Ranger (Labour) 23,550; R. A. Hall (Liberal) 4,170; D. Kelly (Communist) 913; Conservative majority 4,529. Conservative gain. Previous result: Ranger (Labour) 19,339, Boulton (Conservative) 14,033, Holloway (Liberal) 6,322. Labour majority 4,706.

MERTON AND MORDEN.—(Electorate 55,749. Captain R. E. Ryder, V.C. (Cons.) 23,926; A. F. Palmer (Labour) 21,135; R. Douglas (Liberal) 4,065; Conservative majority 2,793. New Constituency.

WOOLWICH WEST.—(Electorate 52,410). W. A. Steward (Conservative) 21,250; H. Berry (Labour) 21,119; J. H. Roberts (Liberal) 3,279; Conservative majority 140 (after recount). Conservative gain. Previous result: 1945—Berry (Labour) 23,656, Beech (Conservative) 14,711. Labour majority 8,894. Labour gain from Conservative.

WEST STERLINGSHIRE (Electorate 47,612). A. Balfour (Labour) 19,930; Miss Betty Anderson (Cons.) 15,894; Labour majority 4,036. No change. Previous result: 1945—Balfour (Labour) 19,666, Anderson (Conservative) 13,469. Labour majority 2,577 No change.

OXFORDSHIRE (HENLEY).—(Electorate 50,749. J. A. Hay (Conservative) 20,485; A. Hawkins (Labour) 11,709; P. Minuprio (Liberal) 6,333; Conservative majority 7,779. No change. Previous result: 1945—Fox (Conservative 22,260, Cook (Labour) 19,457, Brett (Liberal) 10,716; Conservative majority 2,029. No change.

PONTEFRACT.—(Electorate 53,632). G. O. Sylvester (Labour) 25,432; M Grant (Liberal-Conservative) 11,431; Labour majority 14,001. No change. Previous result: 1945—Barstow (Labour) 24,699, Hargreaves (Cons.) 16,048. Labour majority 8,642. No change.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, who was returned to Parliament in Thursday's voting.

TORQUAY.—(Electorate 65,708); C. Williams (Conservatives) 29,153; R. Briscoe (Labour) 14,287; Lieut-Col. H. S. Townsend (Liberal) 10,067; Conservative majority 14,866. No change. Previous result: 1945—Williams (Cons.) 25,479, Cornes (Labour) 13,690, Putt (Liberal) 13,003. Conservative majority 11,839. No change.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL NORTH.—(Electorate 48,008. W. R. Hudson (Conservative) 18,811; F. Lawson (Labour) 18,041; G. S. Atkinson (Liberal) 5,260; Conservative majority 770. New Constituency.

YORKSHIRE, WEST RIDING.—(Goole Electorate 49,719). G. Jeger (Labour) 25,653; F. W. Farey Jones (Cons.) 16,853; Labour majority 8,800. New Constituency.

STAFFORDSHIRE-BRIERLEY HILL.—Electorate 56,520. C. J. Simons (Labour) 24,302; R. D. Williams (Cons.) 19,665; T. P. Hanley (Liberal) 4,329; Labour majority 4,637. New Constituency.

COVENTRY EAST.—(Electorate 58,255). R. H. S. Crossman (Labour) 30,456; T. B. Meek (Conservative) 17,003; S. H. Davis (Liberal) 3,420; W. Alexander (Communist) 407; Labour majority 13,453. No change. Previous result: Crossman (Labour) 34,370, Weston (Cons.) 15,930, Alexander (Communist) 3,936, Payne (Liberal) 2,820. Labour majority 18,749.

BERKSHIRE - NEWBURY. — (Electorate 42,374. A. Hurd (Conservative) 18,150; C. Jackson (Labour) 11,914; E. Burrows (Liberal) 4,284. Conservative majority 6,236. No change. Previous result: 1945—Hurd (Cons.) 24,403, Mrs. Brook (Labour) 15,724, Vale (Liberal) 6,052, Suggett (Commonwealth) 424. Conservative majority 8,709. No change.

KENT-FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE.—(Electorate 49,038). Brigadier H. R. Mackeson (Conservative) 23,767; Miss Murray (Labour) 13,855; Mrs. Bateson (Liberal) 3,169; Conservative majority 9,882. No change. Previous result: 1945—Mackeson (Conservative) 8,040, Widdicombe (Labour) 6,001, James (Liberal) 2,152. Conservative majority 1,937. No change.

PERTH AND EAST PERTHSHIRE.—(Electorate 54,290). A. G. Duncan (Conservative) 24,850; W. Hughes (Labour) 11,706; J. L. Wilson (Liberal) 7,027; D. Stewart (Scottish Nationalist) 4,118; Conservative majority 13,144. No change. Previous result: 1945—Duncan (Conservative) 22,484 Hughes (Labour) 11,617. Brown (Scottish Nationalist) 1,547. Conservative majority 10,867. No change.

LEEDS-CENTRAL.—(Electorate 50,-946). G. Porter (Labour) 24,052; W. Barford (Conservative) 13,350; V. L. R. Delepine (Liberal) 2,176; Labour majority 10,679. No change. Previous result: 1945—Porter (Labour) 13,370. Donman (Conservative) 6,011, Sandelson (Liberal) 2,017; Labour majority 6,359. Labour gain from Conservative.

SURREY - CARSHALTON. — (Electorate 63,720. Brigadier A. H. Head (Conservative) 29,493; Dr. Sydney Sherman (Labour) 21,536; D. Clarke (Liberal) 5,382; Conservative majority 7,957. No change. Previous result: 1945—Head (Conservative) 20,181, Hawkins (Labour) 19,104, Barrow (Liberal) 5,167. Conservative majority 1,017.

STOKE-ON-TRENT NORTH.—(Electorate 60,020). A. E. Davies (Labour) 30,896; P. Hodgens (Conservative) 14,647; Labour majority 22,249.

GATESHEAD EAST. — (Electorate 29,366. A. S. Moody (Labour) 15,249; D. Clift (Liberal) 13,530; K. Zilliacus (Indep. Labour) 5,001; Labour majority 1,719.

LEICESTERSHIRE (BOSWORTH).—(Electorate 61,970). A. Allen (Labour) 29,252; Major A. Cripps (Conservative) 15,988; L. W. Harvey (Liberal) 9,315; Labour majority 13,294. No change.

KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE AND WIGTOWNSHIRE.—(Electorate 40,333). J. H. McKie (Conservative) 19,156; A. F. Thompson (Labour) 10,050. Conservative majority 9,092. No change. Previous result: 1945—McKie (Independent Conservative) 14,647, Hales (Labour) 11,822, Fergusonan (Conservative) 8,032. Independent Conservative majority 1,825. No change.

SURREY (FARNHAM).—(Electorate 46,807). G. Nicholson (Conservative) 21,065; E. C. Neale (Labour) 12,972; Captain F. P. Shannon (Liberal) 4,262. Conservative majority 8,693. No change. Previous result 1945—Nicholson (Conservative) 31,557, Gittens (Labour) 20,103. Conservative majority 11,544. No change.

ESSEX CHELMSFORD. — (Electorate 61,030). H. Ashton (Conservative) 28,541; Wing-Comdr. E. R. Millington 23,682 (Labour). Conservative majority 4,859. Conservative gain. Previous result: Millington (Commonwealth). 27,309. Ashton (Con.) 25,229. Miss Buckmaster (Liberal) 5,999. Commonwealth majority 2,080. No change.

BUCKINGHAM.—(Electorate 51,181). Flt.-Lieut. A. C. Crawley (Labour) 29,782; Major A. Markham (Conservative) 19,128; Labour majority 1,654. No change. Previous result: 1945.—Crawley (Labour) 22,302; Berry (Conservative) 18,457. Labour majority 3,845. Labour gain from Conservative.

YORKSHIRE NORTH RIDING—BIRLINGTON.—(Electorate 62,602). R. Wood (Conservative) 26,124; G. Wadsworth (Liberal) 16,158; W. Peabby (Labour) 9,013; Conservative majority 9,966. New Constituency.

STAFFORDSHIRE — LEEK. — (Electorate 64,921). H. Davies (Labour) 30,044; R. Speir (Conservative) 25,820; Labour majority 4,224. No change. Previous result: 1945—Davies (Labour) 32,-567, Gibson (Conservative) 15,904. Labour majority 16,663. No change.

STAFFORD AND STONE.—(Electorate 63,120). Major H. C. P. J. Fraser (Conservative) 24,016; Capt. S. T. Swingler (Labour) 19,038; Rev. W. J. McEldowney (Liberal) (mutilated) Conservative majority 5,038. New Constituency.

GLOUCESTER.—(Electorate 48,005). M. Turner-Samuels (Labour) 20,202; A. Kershaw (Conservative National-Liberal) 15,798; Colonel H. A. Guy (Labour) 6,444; Labour majority 4,404. No change. Previous result: 1945—Samuels (Labour) 14,510, Boyce (Conservative) 10,466, Guy (Liberal) 5,828. Labour majority 3,544. Labour gain from Conservative.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—(Electorate 42,-156). S. O. Davis (Labour) 22,210; L. E. Haldrill (Conservative) 6,294; T. Morgan (Indep. Welsh National 1,571. Labour majority 22,916.

NEWPORT.—(Electorate 71,666). P. Freeman (Labour) 31,858; Ivor Thomas (Conservative) 21,866; W. J. Owen (Liberal) 8,761; Labour majority 9,992. No change. Previous result: 1945—Freeman (Labour) 23,845, Bell (Conservative) 14,754, Crawshay (Liberal) 5,362. Labour majority 9,091. Labour gain from Conservative.

LEWISHAM SOUTH. — (Electorate 56,479). Herbert Morrison (Labour) 26,-666; F. Gough (Conservative) 18,892. F. W. Rouse (Liberal) 2,665; J. W. Jones (Communist) 735; Labour majority 7,774.

WALSALL. — (Electorate 76,054). Major W. T. Wells (Labour) 30,483; Sir John Barlow (National Liberal-Conservative) 23,700; Labour majority 7,783. No change. Previous result: 1945—Wells (Labour) 26,824, Schuster (Liberal National) 24,197. Labour majority 2,127. Labour gain from Liberal National.

CARDIFF WEST.—(Electorate 60,918). T. G. Thomas (Labour) 27,290; C. S. Hallinan (Conservative) 22,893; Labour majority 4,397.

MONMOUTHSHIRE (BEDWELLTY).—(Electorate 48,054). H. Finch (Labour) 31,320; R. C. Pitman (Conservative) 9,247; Labour majority 22,082. No change. Previous result: 1945—Edwards (Labour) 30,400, Tett (Conservative) 6,841 Labour majority 23,559. No change.

MIDDLESEX (UXBRIDGE). — Electorate 49,446). Flight-Lieutenant, F. Bellwick (Labour) 20,189; C. H. Thorne (Conservative) 17,741; J. E. Aylett (Liberal) 8,933; Labour majority 2,448. No change. Previous result: 1945—Bowrick (Labour) 20,190, Llewellyn (Conservative) 24,106, Aylett (Liberal) 8,300. Labour majority 1,084. Labour gain from Conservative.

GLAMORGANSHIRE (BARRY).—(Electorate 54,298). Mrs. Dorothy Rees (Labour) 20,770; D. M. Evans (Conservative) 19,745; J. A. Emlyn-Jones (Liberal) 6,180; Labour majority 1,025.

YORKSHIRE, WEST RIDING ROTHER VALLEY).—(Electorate 63,057). D. Griffiths (Labour) 42,222; W. Breare (Conservative) 12,887; Labour majority 29,835. No change. Previous result: 1945—Griffiths (Labour) 44,469. Ball (Conservative) 14,662. Labour majority 29,830. No change.

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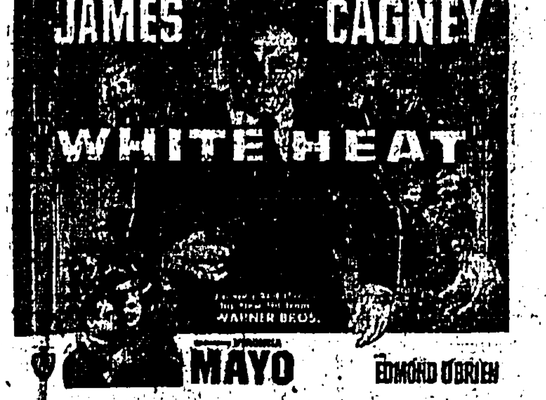

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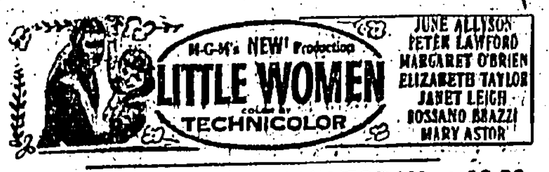

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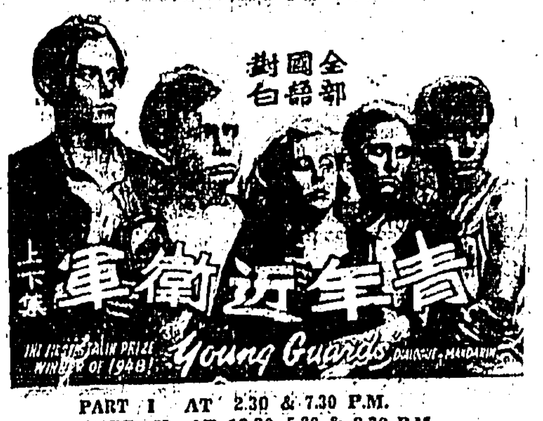

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Limehouse roadway

Proposals are in the air for building a new arterial road through the East End. If the plans are approved it will mean a big change in Chinatown.

That picturesque and exotic down-river London suburb, where all sorts of queer eating-houses and shops bemuse the curious visitor would be just about cut in two. The correct designation of what Londoners call Chinatown is Limehouse, the latter name commemorating a period when lime kilns were prevalent there, from which Wren derived much of his architectural raw material.

You can spend hours in Chinatown without hearing any English spoken and, if you know the ropes, may even be able to sample an opium den. But Limehouse suffered severely during the war, and there are still acres of bombed ruins.

One cannot quite see why a new arterial road is needed. During the war a broad thoroughfare was built specially for the Normandy invasion transport.

Bows and dollars

Bows and arrows are among the lesser-known British manufactures which are helping this country to hit the dollar "target".

Archery has become something of a craze in America, but its devotees look to Britain for the instruments of their sport.

Modern archery, has, however, features that Robin Hood and his Sherwood Forest outlaws would hardly consider "the thing" but which offer scope for British craftsmanship.

The American demand is for steel bows and aluminium arrows, with steel tips.

To make a steel bow requires over 200 separate processes, some of them involving delicate precision work to measurements of one-thousandth of an inch.

Strange job

What is a "dog whipper"? At a guess one might say that it must surely involve some sort of cruel and little-known "sport" like bull-baiting or cock-fighting.

However, a little village in Kent has just given the surprising information that dog-whipping was once a much-respected occupation. So much so in fact that the vicar of the local church has revived the appointment—the only official parish dog-whipper in the British Isles.

This is a revival of the centuries—old job in which an official was responsible for keeping dogs out of church on Sundays. The man appointed today is to have a top hat, white coat, and whip—the uniform of his predecessors.

LONDON LETTER

Australian visitor

I learn that Mr. Arthur Fadden, the Commonwealth Finance Minister, is expected to visit London soon after the election. His business will be to take part in important discussions on his country's share of the Empire's dollar pool.

The Monzies Government which declares that it is satisfied that no evil dollar consequences will arise from petrol de-rationing, is understood to feel that the whole machinery of the Commonth dollar reserves should be overhauled.

Mr. Fadden is believed to consider that more dollars should be made available to Australia. He is also expected to raise the question of the future of the Dominion's considerable sterling accumulation in London.

Canada too

Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canada's 68-year-old Prime Minister, is also believed to be planning to visit Britain for the first time since he assumed his present office in succession to Mr. Mackenzie King.

Mr. St. Laurent, who built up Canada's diplomatic service until the Dominion now has more than 20 Embassies and Legations, is one of the chief architects of the Atlantic Pact.

His primary business is likely to be Anglo-Canadian economic issues, including Britain's dollar saving policy of switching dairy produce purchases from the Dominion to Scandinavia and Eastern Europe.

Royal "no"

A world copyright has been taken out to prevent reproduction of the magnificent carpet Queen Mary made for the dollar drive. A suggestion that unlimited copies should be made commercially to earn more dollars has been turned down by Queen Mary.

The Dowager Marchioness of Reading who, as head of Women's Home Industries, is to handle the sale of the carpet, told me: "We all feel the same way about it. The carpet must remain unique. It would lose its value if copies were made."

Queen Mary, by the way, never intended her work to become a carpet. She was making a number of panels for firescreens and chairs. Later, she thought of putting the 12 together.

Members of the Royal School of Needlework searched for the panel designs in museums and private collections all over the country. The border design is original, and the names of the women who created it specially for Queen Mary are being kept secret. Idea is that the credit should go to the school, and not to individuals.

Royal patron

A parcel of periodicals from Queen Mary has arrived for the patients and staff of a London hospital which bears her name—Queen Mary's Hospital in the East End.

This is only the latest of a succession of gifts of various kinds from the Queen Mother, who has been closely interested in this hospital, of which she is patron, since it was granted its charter in 1917.

The sisters' sitting-room is known as "The Queen's Room", for it was Queen Mary who furnished it. Shawls and cot quilts knitted by her, lavender and magazines are other typical expressions of her feeling for the hospital.

When King George V was alive, Queen Mary often called at the hospital in his company, and even in the years since the war she has managed to pay it private visits.

Watch your ash

"Watch your cigarette ash, please!"

There was a note of anxiety in the voice of the thick-set Jewish professor who issued this order in the carpeted lounge of the Israeli Legation. What was in danger?

It was just that a flick of red ash on a thin brown leather parchment which was on display might have destroyed one of the greatest archaeological finds of this age.

Press representatives were, in fact seeing for the first time in London a whole page from the 2000 year old Hebrew Bible scroll, discovered in a cave near the Dead Sea in 1947.

Custodian and presenter of this treasure, which he carries around in a flat tin box, was Dr. Elizar Lepar Sukenik, Profesor of Palestinian Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The Professor handles the delicate scroll with a tenderness that suggested that it might disintegrate.

More secrets

Dr. Sukenik, 60-year-old Russian Jew—he was born at Byalistok and emigrated to Palestine in 1912,—has the looks of a boxer and the exuberance of a youth.

His concern now is to probe more secrets in the valleys leading to the Dead Sea. He is convinced that even more remarkable discoveries may be made soon.

Dr. Sukenik is giving nothing away, however, "It would be strategically wrong to tell you my plans," he insisted. He does not want a repetition of the last discovery, when the Bedouin finders "divided the spoils" between American and Israeli interests.

On tour

While in this country (he returns to Palestine in March) the professor hopes to give a country-wide showing of the historic scroll. First it will be shown in the British Museum, and then he is to tour the universities with it.

Practically all English and Scottish universities have invited him to show the scroll and lecture on it.

While on tour he will probably take the opportunity to explain why the 1947 discoveries were not revealed until almost two years afterwards. His observations on this at the moment is: "You are a peculiar people in Britain and when the discovery was first made you just would not believe it."

Japan's cold war

Japan is launching a "Cold War" on Britain's textile industry.

Records of 10 of Japan's major cotton-spinning firms, correspondent Richard Hughes reports, show that production methods have shown a 25 per cent improvement since the war. Where once it took 17 men to prepare a bale of cotton, the job can now be done in the same time by 12 men.

In view of this, explain the Japanese textile bosses, the whole process of manufacturing in the industry has been speeded up. This "speed up," however, claim the Japs, has not been to the advantage of Japan but to the advantage of Britain.

"The British are brazenly using our improved production methods to hold their pre-war markets. Until the middle of last year nearly 50,000,000 yards of Japanese grey cloth were imported by British mills. These mills then finished-off the Japanese product stamped it with British trade marks—and sold it overseas to help the British export drive."

Bolstering this charge even further, the Japs point out that "the British are quick enough to complain about the low price of Japanese goods when these goods compete with theirs, but they keep quiet when they buy Japanese cloth on the cheap and stamp it with their own trade marks."

The only way to teach the British a lesson, conclude the enraged Japs, would be to flood world markets with still cheaper Japanese goods.

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What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

Policy towards Asia

SING TAO JIH PAO: Dr. Philip Jessup has stated that the United States is not engaged in building a military bloc of Asiatic nations. This attitude of America towards South East Asia countries which depend on the United States to assist in defence against the spread of Communism will considerably discourage those nations.

We, however, do not believe that the United States will pursue an indifferent policy as a result of the Bangkok Conference. Dr. Jessup has previously told the Siamese people that he is confident that with the kind of relationship existing between the United States, Siam and other free states, the fight against Communism will be successful.

If the United States does not intend to contribute towards the fight against Communism in the East, Dr. Jessup would not have expressed such confidence.

There is no doubt that the United States must make preparations in South East Asia to fight Communism. Aloofness on the part of America would be disastrous.

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United front

TA KUNG PAO: China, which was reduced to a semi-colony, has now emerged victorious from the struggle against imperialism and reactionary forces within the country.

Her victory proves that no matter how great the oppression by imperialist nations may be, a united front by colonial peoples can overcome and smash the evil colonial systems.

The people of Burma and Vietnam have achieved considerable success in their war of liberation. Vietnam has already established diplomatic relations with China and the Soviet Union.

The peoples in the Philippines, Malaya, South Korea and India are still carrying on guerilla warfare to continue their struggle for the overthrow of the yoke of imperialism.

In India, Japan, Iran, and South America, the people are also striving for independence and human rights. The final victory, however, will be theirs despite the bitter, difficult fight.

In the fight against the colonial systems, there are two roads. One is being followed by China, North Korea and Vietnam; the other by India, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The first road puts the government into the hands of the people once the colonial system is eliminated; the second abolishes the colonial system in name only. India and the Philippines are good example of this second road.

The road of Mao Tse-tung should be followed, not that of Nehru. This should be a worthy slogan and a basic principle of the battle against imperialism and colonial systems.

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Combined exercises

WAH KIU YAT PO: The British and American navies are to hold combined naval and air exercises in the Pacific beginning on March 1.

There are two significant points attached to this forthcoming exercise. The first confirms previous statements denying a rift between America and Britain as a result of the British recognition of the new Chinese government.

The second fact is that whereas Britain desires to continue to pursue a passive policy in the Far East "cold war," America is inclined to the usage of her powerfull forces to pursue an active policy.

In fact, America has taken the initiative in arranging the forthcoming combined British-American naval and air exercises. The exercises, no doubt, are to try out and practise co-operation and co-ordination to meet emergencies.

The exercises may result in the forming of a nucleus, British-American force to cope with the "cold war."

Administrative changes

WAH KIU MAN PO: Bailie J. McAslan has stated that administrative changes in Hong Kong are inevitable. He added that such changes must come about even though they may be disliked.

There is no doubt about the fact that administrative changes in Hong Kong must come. The Colony is sorely in need of such changes. Therefore, we are in full agreement with Mr. McAslan regarding his first remark.

His second remark, however, is misleading. Any changes—and they must be an improvement on the existing administrative system—will not be disliked but welcomed.

Changes that are to come about must conform with certain ideals—they must give the people of the Colony a greater degree of self-government.

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The new tyranny

KUNG SHEUNG YAT PO: The people of Free China must rise and fight the dictators of our country. They have already launched their campaign against the tyranny of the new regime.

They have seen clearly for themselves who are right and who are wrong. The Chinese Communists have also discarded their mask of friendship and benevolence to expose their true characters.

The masses had hoped for a better government from the Chinese Communists. They withdrew their support from the former Nationalist government because of its corruption and nepotism. They are now disillusioned.

The new regime is not progressive. Imposition of high taxes, land conscription of men for the armies have been carried out for selfish purposes. The people cannot condone this. They have only two alternatives—to become fugitives or to rebel and free themselves.

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Increase in Far East cold war expected in U.S.

Washington, February 24.

The United States is expecting a major Soviet cold war offensive designed to bring rich and strategic South East Asia under Moscow's sway.

The United Press was told on the highest authority that the possibility of any genuine Soviet peace talks with the United States, at least until this test of strength is decided, has been ruled out by the Administration.

Any peace feelers at present would only be propaganda manoeuvres designed to create confusion and mask the Kremlin's real designs.

President Truman rebuffed Congressional demands for a bold new approach in the East-West deadlock over atomic controls at a news conference yesterday.

The prize Russia is after is control of the huge tin and rubber production of the area—the same goal as Japan's in World War II. Shortage of these two vital commodities is considered the most vulnerable spot in the present huge Soviet war machine.

Evidence of Moscow's intention prompted the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, to call on young, floundering nations of South East Asia to link forces in an economic, political and social union to resist the spread of Communism.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr Acheson indicated that the United States might back up a spontaneous move towards such an Asiastic bloc with some form of Oriental Marshall Plan or "Point Four" programme.

The State Department quickly added some details. It announced that a special economic mission will leave for Asia early next week to prepare the way for possible United States aid to Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Indonesia and the States of Vietnam, Luos and Cambodia.

Arms aid

The mission will look over the field with an eye to providing arms under the $75,000,000 Asia allotment in the military aid programme, study possibilities of further Export-Import Bank loans in addition to the $100,000,000 recently advanced to Indonesia, and also the possibility of sending ECA aid to Vietnam through France.

The mission will also lay the groundwork for the President's long-range "Point Four" programme of technical aid at present before Congress.

The United States is also urging France to speed its request for arms under the military aid programme, which will flow directly from the United States to Vietnam where the nationalist forces are locked in civil war with the Moscow-led, Communist regime.

Basically, officials here say, American economic strategists are looking for a way to integrate the economy of South East Asia nations with that of Japan. Such a plan would see Japan's industrial production supplying the markets of South East Asia increased rice production in that area in turn would help meet Japan's food shortage.

In the long run such a plan would ease the burden on the United States which is at present sending expensive wheat to feed the Japanese.—United Press.

RUSSIAN GOODS FOR CZECHS

Prague, February 24.

Russia is to supply Czechoslovakia with some 3,000,000 tons of goods of all kinds—including 1,300,000 tons of iron ore, 400,000 tons of wheat, 250,000 tons of maize and barley and 15,000 tons of fodder—under a Soviet-Czech trade agreement for 1950, signed in Moscow yesterday.

M. Antonin Gregor, the Czechoslovak Foreign Trade Minister, gave these figures on his return to Prague today from Moscow, where he signed the trade agreement at the end of a three months' visit. The Minister gave no details as to Czechoslovakia's exports to Russia under the agreement.—Reuter.

U.S. reaction to decision on airlines

Washington, February 24.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has made vigorous representations against the British decision in Hong Kong to turn over 71 disputed aircraft to the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Acheson said that representations were made to both the British Government and the Hong Kong authorities. He told the Press that these were the only steps left open to the United States.

Mr. Acheson said the United States is making progress in clearing up another property dispute in China. He said the Nationalists have paid up the defaulted payment on 30 cargo ships which the Nationalists bought from the United States with the United States holding mortgage on them.

Republican Senator William Knowland said today that the British granting of 71 planes to the Chinese Communists is one of the greatest blows to the non-Communist world of Asia.

He told the Senate, "We must tell the British that they can no longer expect help from us in stopping Communism in Europe while the British Government itself, in turning over these 71 planes, is accelerating the spread of Communism in Asia."—United Press.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Organist.
8.30—Morning Music.
9.00—Sunday Variety.
10.00—Harmony Hall
10.15—Festival of Waltzes.
10.32—Church Service.
Light Music.
Organ Melodies.

P.M.
12.00—"Sur Les Bords de la Seine"
12.30—Sports Results.
12.42—Lunch Time Music.
1.15—News And Weather Report.
1.30—Popular Concert.
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.
4.00—Curtain Calls.
4.30—Tea Time Variation.
5.30—February Serenade.
6.00—Forces Favourites.
6.30—Just For You.
6.45—A special feature for the Children
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.10—Local News.
7.15—The Gracie Fields' Show.
7.45—Listen to Leibert.
8.00—"Songs of All Nations"
8.15—Sammy Kaye's Orchestra.
8.30—Wings of Darkness.
8.45—Songs from the Shows.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
9.10—Local News.
9.15—Classics Playhouse"
10.00—Organ Reveries.
10.15—"Concerto"
11.15—A Date With Dreamland.
12.00—Close Down.

Springfield, Illinois, February 24.

Thomas Lewis, 69, brother of the United Mine Workers president, John L. Lewis, shot and killed himself at his home here on Friday, Deputy Rutherford reported.—United Press.

UNITED STATES HOPES FOR VAST ECONOMIC UNION IN THE ORIENT

Washington, February 24.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's statement that the United States would welcome a spontaneous movement amongst Asiatic nations to form an economic, social and political alliance to resist Communism is regarded here as the strongest American support yet expressed for Philippine President Elpidio Quirino's proposal for such a union.

It is also considered as official American endorsement of the recently announced plan of the Commonwealth nations to pool their efforts in a co-ordinated aid programme for South East Asia.

Information in official quarters here is that it is hoped that a combination of Mr. Quirino's efforts and Commonwealth plans will result in evolution of an economic union stretching from Pakistan and India to the Philippines, including Burma, Thailand, Indo-China, Indonesia, Australia and New Zerland.

Diplomatic quarters here welcomed Mr. Acheson's intimation that such an alliance might expect some American aid, although he was very vague concerning the exact form.

American officials re-stated Mr. Acheson's emphasis that any alliance in South East Asia must originate with countries of that area and not be the product of outside persuasion.

American officials have two major reasons for insisting that any economic and political alliance in South East Asia must be worked out by countries of that area and not sponsored by any outside power:

1. They believe that if the United States shows signs of promoting any such alliance it would provide a basis for intensified Soviet and Chinese propaganda campaign alleging American "imperialism" in Asia.

Must be spontaneous

2. American official believe any union worthy of the name and strong enough to survive and effectively resist Communism must be the product of efforts of peoples of that area. In other words, they believe that unless the peoples of South East Asia are sufficiently determined to resist Red inroads to go about forming a union themselves, no union could be effective.

It is for these reasons that the United States will await a spontaneous movement while confining its efforts to providing aid to individual countries where it is believed the governments have a chance to increase order and stability. Such was the purpose behind the $100,000,000 United States Export-Import Bank credit to Indonesia, plans to aid the new Vietnam Government of Bao Dai in Indo-China and the possibility of aid to Thailand.

Diplomatic quarters point out that the idea of a South East Asian Union had evolved to its present stage in a relatively short period of 10 months. It was last May that Mr. Quirino issued his original call for a Pacific Pact against Communism.

Mr. Acheson on May 18 declared at a Press conference that he believed such an idea was premature because there was lack of stability in that area which would make it difficult to form any cohesive alliance.

However, American officials privately said at the time that Mr. Quirino's proposal had two aspects which did not commend themselves to the United States. Firstly, he presumably had in mind a military alliance rather than economic, and secondly, he wanted to include Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek whom American officials were preparing to "write off."

Change in U.S. attitude

The Philippine President, apparently sensing these objectionable features, later placed his emphasis on an economic rather than a political pact and attempted to soft-pedal any allusions to Chiang after he had gone through with a meeting with the Nationalist leader on July 9.

When Mr. Quirino issued instructions to Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo to work on the proposed Pacific Union project he placed extra emphasis on the economic aspects. He told Brigadier-General Romulo in a letter of instructions that he envisaged such a union to be essentially an act of common faith on economic, political and cultural level. It would involve no military commitments.

Following this pronouncement American officials showed a distinct softening of their attitude toward the proposed pact. They indicated privately that they would explore the possibility of limited United States aid if anything developed as a result of Mr. Quirino's efforts.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who, like Mr. Acheson, had denounced Mr. Quirino's original proposal as premature, remained silent so far as public pronouncements were concerned. However, subsequently he joined other Commonwealth nations at a meeting of their Foreign Ministers in Ceylon early last month in a decision to meet at Canberra shortly to consider a plan for a co-ordinated aid programme for South East Asia. This was interpreted here as indicating his tacit acceptance of the idea of some sort of economic union.

At the same time that the Commonwealth nations were deciding on this step, Mr. Acheson gave his first public indication of United States thinking on the subject of possible South East Asian aid if countries of that area decided on what they wanted.

In his historic Press Club speech of January 12, Mr. Acheson said American assistance could only be effective if the missing components were solved by the countries concerned. He said: "The United States cannot furnish all these compoments to solve the question. It cannot furnish determination; it cannot furnish will and it cannot furnish loyalty of a people to its government."

Referring specifically to South East Asia, Mr. Acheson said: "The limits of what we can do are to help where we are wanted. We are organising the machinery through which we can make effective help possible. Western powers are all interested."—Press.

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11.00—Relay of the Service from St. John's Cathedral, Conducted by the Right Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong.
11.45—Famous Intermezzo.

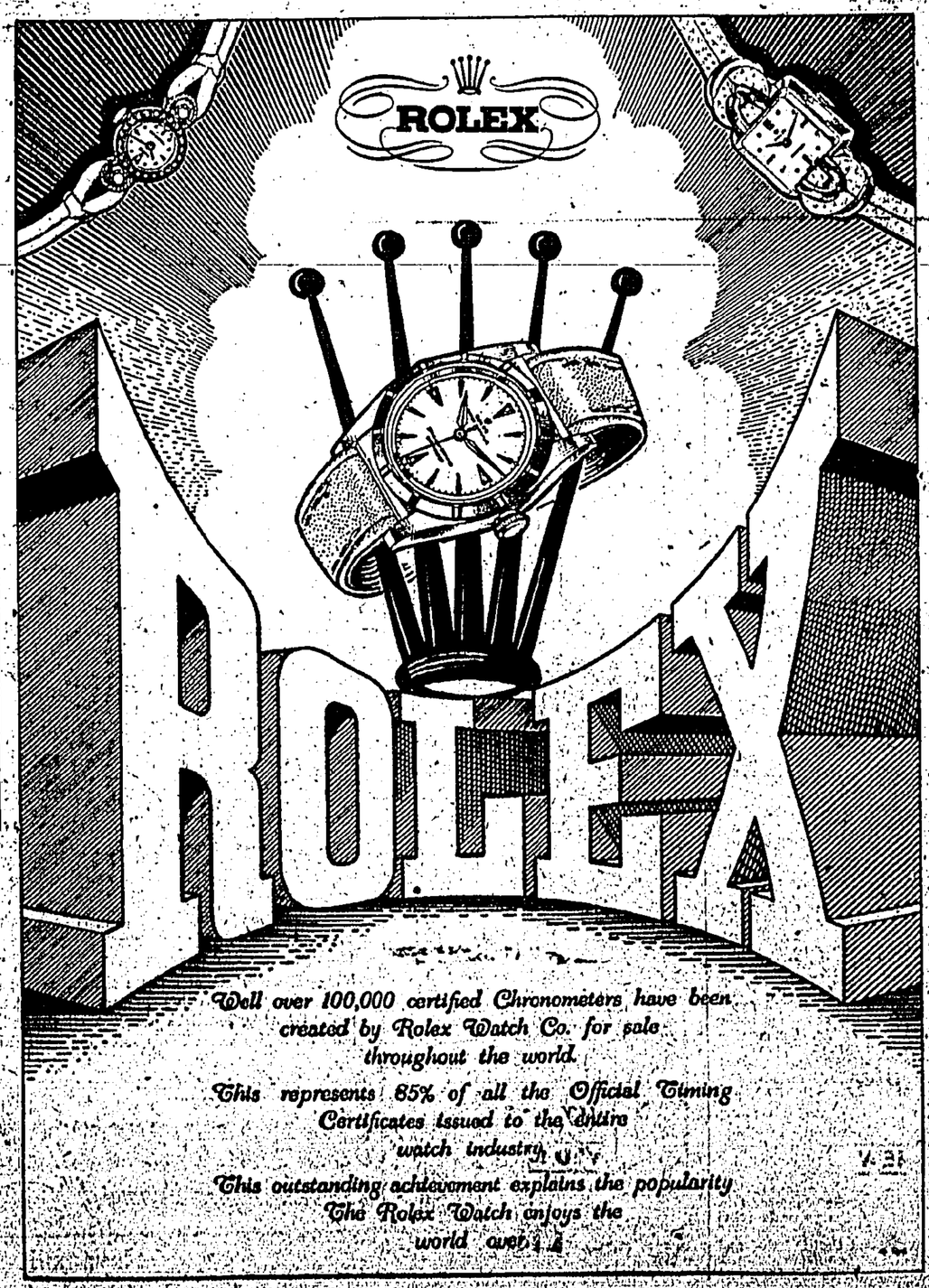
P.M.
12.00—"Sportstime" by Bill Phillips. (Studio)
12.15—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.32—Piano Duets.
12.45—Light Variety with Paul Weston and His Orchestra.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25—Interlude.
1.30—Morning Concert.
2.00—"Take It From Here"—With Jay Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards (BBCTS)
2.30—"Playing Hot"—Presented by Graham Saxby. (Studio)
3.00—World News. (London Relay)
3.10—"Hospital Requests" — Presented by Linda Cater. (Studio)
4.10—Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony Orchestra.
4.30—Light Variety.
5.00—"Home Requests—Presented by Jackie Palmer. (Studio)
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
6.02—Songs by Gitta Alpar (Soprano) and Herbert Groh (Tenor).
6.15—Weekly News Letter. (London Relay)
6.30—Services Even-Song—Conducted by Rev. Ambrose Weeks, B. A. N. (Studio)
7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Weeks Programmes. (Studio)
7.30—"Dinner Music"—Grand Symphony Orchestra.
8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)
8.10—Appeal on behalf of the Street-Sleepers by D. J. L. Griffiths. (Studio)
8.15—Excerpts from "King's Rhapsody" —by Ivor Novello.
8.45—Symphony Concert—Haydn's Symphony No. 100 in G Major "Military" Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by Bruno Walter. Glasounow's Concerto in A Minor Op. 82, Jascha Heifitz (Violin) with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by John Barbirolli. Elgar's Enigma Variations. Op. 36. The Halle Orchestra. Conducted by Sir John Barbirolli.
10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15—Weather Report.
10.16—"Chapter and Verse"—An Anthology—The Elizabethans. (BBCTS)
10.30—Choral Excerpts from Wagner Operas.
10.45—New Concert Orchestra.
11.00—Weather Report, World News and News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)
11.15—Epilogue. (BBCTS)
God Save the King.
11.30—Close Down.

PRIEST GAOLED

Bratislava, February 24.

Father Stefan Balaz, a Czechoslovak priest, was sentenced here today to 10 years' hard labour for refusing to grant absolution to Czechoslovak citizens who sympathised with the People's Democratic regime.

Father Frantisek Lepp, also from Slovakia, was sentenced to four and a half years' hard labour for publicly inciting Catholics against the Republic and its People's Democratic regime.—Reuter.



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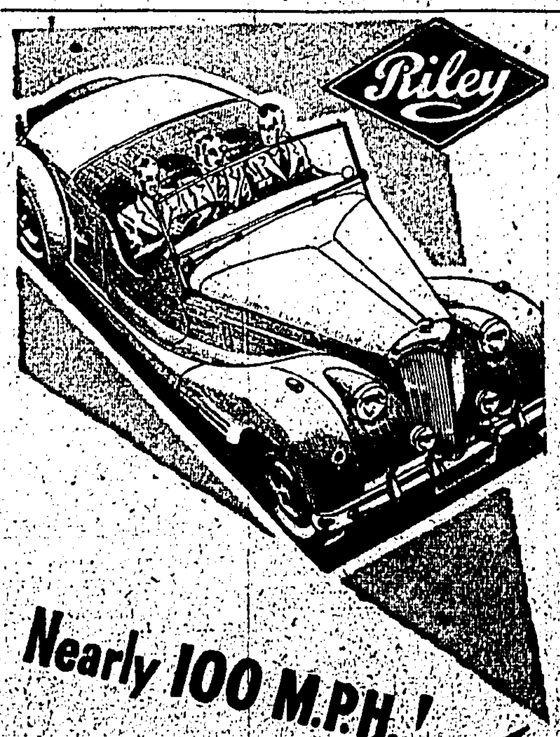

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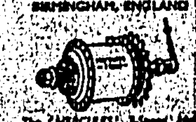
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Who's scared of middle age?

I was in love with Joan Blondell when she was a gold-digger of 21 and I was an undergraduate of 18.

She could have had every penny of my scholarship money for the asking. If only she had known! But my place was in the ninepennies and I knew it.

Now my heart-throb has just been in London, as cuddly as ever and not a day older to my eyes.

And what does she do but start off by telling the reporters how she is 40 and quite happy to be 40, with a good deal of shrewd advice about how to feel fine at 40. Bless the girl.

It is funny altogether, the way people act about their ages. The very young and the very old are full of the pride of years. Only the other day Shaw sent someone a postcard: "I am in my 94th year."

Terrible teens

And an old man answers Wilfred Pickles: "I shall be 83 next January." You ask a child's age: "I am eight-and-three-quarter." An adolescent: "I am nearly 17."

But somewhere in between people stop adding a year. My fishing friend, for example: "I am 38," he says, firmly but ruefully. You won't catch him saying "I am in my 39th year." He is worried about his thinning hair, too.

People in the thirties are particularly dubious about the forties I cannot quite understand it. If I remember rightly the teens were terrible: 20 was plenty. But the thirties are fine and the forties will be like wine. Look at my old flame Joan.

I grant you at 22 I could do a few things that I cannot do now, like staying awake three nights running. But I do not want to stay awake three nights running.

Those lost causes

In fact, I can think of hardly a thing that makes me sorry to be 37. I always knew I should enjoy being middle aged. I can still do all the physical things I want to be able to do, like sprinting for a train or rowing a boat. I can walk a long way in a long time.

No doubt I am slower than I was, but I still find the physical world entirely delightful.

What I have grown out of—thank goodness—is the absurd unselfishness of youth. Time and again I was caught up (as young folk commonly are) by violent enthusiasms. Most of the causes which I supported were lost causes.

Many (as I realise now) were quite foolish. With youth's harsh and arbitrary cruelty I was unkind to all who did not share the enthusiasm of the moment. For those who were on my side I could not do enough. It made for unhappiness all round.

I suppose that the hardest lesson to learn is the lesson of enlightened selfishness. But what a pleasant world it would be if there were fewer humbugs pretending to like a way of life that suits them about as well as plucking suits a chicken!

Trial and error

I guess the sensible thing is to clear your mind of cant about your own preferences and settle for the sort of life you really like to live.

It is still surprisingly free country: you can live any of a number of different sorts of lives.

By
Maurice Wiggin

People recommend this and that, but generally from motives that will hardly stand close investigation.

The only certain guide is trial and error. The only sure counsellor is honesty. Self-deception is the prime enemy of happiness.

If you choose to form habits that honestly make you happy, not paying much attention to anybody else's preferences, the odds are that by the middle thirties you will be settling into a pattern of behaviour that suits you very well. It's your life and you have only one.

Once Wiggin was spoken of around the office as a "live wire." This I blush to recall. It marked Stage Two—the transition from the uncomfortable altruism of earnest youth to the revolting briskness of the young careerist.

Now the plodder

When I begin to overhear folk saying, "Old Wiggy will make a sound job of it if you give him time," I shall know that I am where I want to be—firmly on Stage Three: the plodder.

It has been a fine life so far. I have been teacher, lorry-driver, hero fitter, dishwasher, reporter, editor, reporter again. In 37 years I have lived enough for a dozen books, but only written two. I have been too busy being the sort of fellow other people wanted me to be.

For the next 10 or 15 years I shall (given luck) be as nimble as I need to be. I shall, if I can, make a number of interesting journeys in no great hurry.

I do not claim to be wise or good. All I claim is to have seen through the extravagant altruism of youth, which always hurts someone else, and the brisk idiocy of ambition, which injures one's self.

I have enjoyed some exciting and painful years and I have detected the supreme reasonableness of pleasing myself.

I am fond of action, but I see no point in wasting energy.

"But, darling, after all, I don't drink or smoke"

So now I luxuriate in rest. When I am neither working nor walking nor fishing it is more than likely that I am lying down.

Darby and Joan

It is very pleasant to lie on the old sofa when the day's work is done. The other side of the hearth sits my wife: we have been married 14 years, and after so many vicissitudes endured together there is almost no need to give voice to our thoughts.

The book I hold giver off ideas, like sparks. But an idea, instead of bursting in me like a bomb, as it used to do when I was very young, now seeps slowly through the sceptical filter of my middle-aged mind: and, having passed the filter, spreads like physical warmth.

I cannot devour a book as I used to do. One idea lasts me a long time now. I like to take a new idea to bed, as some take a night-cap. I can be sure it will not keep me long awake.

THE CHANCES OF PEACE

As I was driving along a Midland road the other night I saw a shooting star flash across my windscreen, and my thoughts were sharply turned from inter-party to inter-planetary affairs.

Scientists had publicly announced that morning that the time was at last near when, at a touch of a man's hand on a button, the earth itself might in just such a brief blazing second flame its way into oblivion.

This announcement, though it has put our present political palavering into truer perspective, should not cause despair. Indeed, I hope that it is correct.

For can it be doubted that the capacity hitherto of mankind to survive its own follies, even to reproduce itself at an ever-increasing rate, and on the average with an ever-increasing standard of living despite recurrent wars of increasing violence, has been a curse?

For it has been the most powerful factor in preventing the creation of a stable peace in which man might work out the problem of his own relation to the universe and, in doing so, solve the lesser problem of his relation to his fellow men.

In this election the leaders of all three parties are tacitly agreed in recognising that the world today is divided into two at present irreconcilably hostile blocs—that of Russia, with its enslaved satellites, on the one hand, and on the other all those countries which, whether willingly or reluctantly, must chance their protection on the benevolent but over-taxed power of the United States.

Military power

Despite the dynamic attraction which Communism exerts upon all of those who either seek the goal magically entitled "self-government" or who, having reached it unprepared for its responsibilities find that they have created a vacuum which only Soviet imperialism is ready to fill. If Communism were Moscow's only weapon we might still succeed in checking its impact.

But for five years, while Western and particularly British defences have been neglected, Moscow has been busy acquiring such irresistible sanctions of military power as to be able at the first opportunity to impose her will, perhaps without a shot fired or atom bomb dropped, upon the non-Communist world.

That day arrived (and present intelligence deems it close), Stalin might be pleased to accept President Truman's invitation to the White House but like the "man who came to dinner" he might prolong his stay indefinitely.

Russian Communism may be indifferent to human life while its supply of that commodity appears to be inexhaustible, but the Kremlin kingdom is of this world and of this world only.

If both sides were to possess earth - shattering weapons we could for the first time believe Russia when she proclaimed "I don't want to set the world on fire."

For the first time the West, if it were to acquire the determination without which it does not deserve to escape defeat or decay, could say, "Rather, death than slavery," and be believed. Already there exist certain "manageable situations" as the basis for useful discussion, if not yet for negotiation, with the Politburo.

Life and death

Mr. Churchill, in the face of the lying accusations of "warmongering" flung at him by Socialists who were deaf to his prophetic warnings both before and since the late war, was quite right in declaring his wish to neglect no opportunity of taking his pacific statesmanship through the "sound barrier" of Soviet propaganda and abuse to the inmost citadel of the Kremlin.

Further if the scientists are only proved swiftly right in their predictions there may no longer be need for the West to demand legal inspection of Soviet armaments or for Russia to continue her illegal inspection of Western armaments and the chances of a settlement, or at least of a peaceful agreement to differ will be great.

All these matters, literally of life and death about which the Labour Party has been keeping such very timorous counsel, are very much in the minds of a thoughtful electorate, as those many Tories who have tackled them have found.

What is at stake for the ordinary people of this country is the maintenance of the welfare State and full employment. The latter has so far not been in danger, not because of Socialist policy but because of world demand. The former has suffered some cuts already at the hands of the Socialists themselves.

They have slashed food subsidies and by their inflationary policy caused the cost of the social services to rise. Obviously a continuation of their policy of nationalisation must cause further cuts, in order to offset the overrising costs of Socialist government.

More controls

The serious depression into which a further dose of nationalisation and wage and employment freezing would lead another Labour Government would force the latter to institute far more severe controls and restrictions than at present over every citizen.

The Liberal Party proclaim that they are more sincerely opposed to controls and restrictions than the Conservatives and National Liberals. If we are to believe them we must conclude that nothing that the Liberal Party has done in all its long and often proud history has been less consistent with its principles than its intervention in this election.

For if it gains the maximum number of votes which its most optimistic forecasters predict it will have to bear the sole blame for subjecting Britain for a second time to what it has called an "un-British" system of government.

The present British system of parliamentary government is, by consent, a two-party one. The Liberals are refusing to work it. The 1945 verdict confirmed the electorate's choice of the two parties from which it wished to select his Majesty's Government and his Majesty's Opposition.

Final verdict

As a Liberal (I have never been a member of the Tory Party), I, in company with thousands of fellow Liberals accepted that verdict as final and historical, and later watched with sympathy and approval the way in which the Tory Party, under Mr. Churchill, sincerely and spontaneously added to all that was good in their own policies nearly all that had been proved good in the policies of the Liberal Party.

Mr. Clement Davies has said that he will be surprised if his party does not win. It is the worst fabrication of the whole election.

One of his colleagues has told me the truth. It is that the Liberal Party wants to see Labour in power again in order to discredit the Tories and increase the Liberal strength in 1955.

Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes

"Don't look now—but there goes one of those floating voters!"

CZECHS RELEASE AMERICANS

Prague, February 24.

Two young Mormon missionaries were released from prison and expelled from Czechoslovakia on Friday, the American Embassy announced.

An Embassy spokesman said the two men, Stanley E. Abbott, 23, and C. Aldon Johnson, 22, were released at noon and an hour and a half later were on a plane to Geneva.

They were arrested 10 days ago on charges of entering restricted areas.—United Press.

Sundance, Wyoming, February 24.

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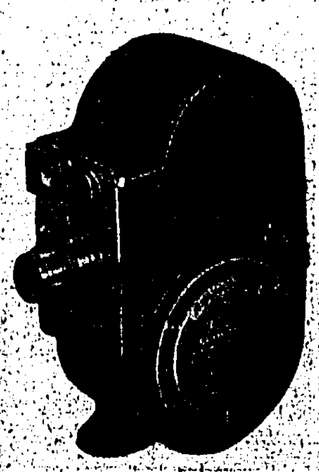
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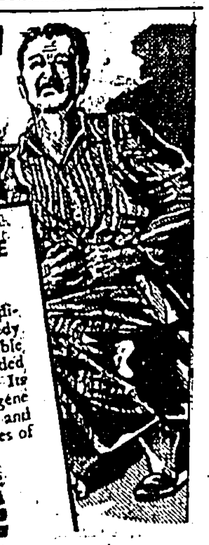

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Exponent of Chinese dance

Miss Averil Tong is perhaps the most outstanding living exponent of the classical Chinese dance. Her repertoire has been described in several parts of the world as enchanting, and her grace and flexibility of movement are a feast of fluid beauty.

Born in Shanghai she has made her home in Hong Kong. At the Shangrila Ball on Friday she volunteered an item on the entertainment programme, and delighted the audience with her interpretation of the "Scarf Dance."

MISS AVERIL TONG

Several years ago Miss Tong led a Chinese cultural group on a tour of the United States to raise money for the war of resistance against Japan and was completely successful in her mission.

Night after night people queued up to buy tickets to the Mercury Theatre where Miss Tong's troupe sought to convey the symbolisms of classical Chinese music and dancing to a fascinated audience. Many people were unable to understand the intricacies, but the lavish settings, gorgeous costumes, tripping music, and exquisite coiffures stirred them profoundly.

Critics said the native arts of China, as personified by Miss Tong, suggested a rich lineage, and were poignant because they were purer in motive than the affairs of nations. They said that while they did not understand the aromatic quality of the Chinese mandolin, they instinctively responded to the exquisite beauty of its expression.

When Miss Tong is dancing she is splendidly caparisoned. She wears grandly figured costumes, and her ornate head-dresses are extravagantly imaginative. Her movements are slow, dainty, and as soft as the caress of a June breeze. To see her tripping the floor, in her exquisite robes and her coy suggestion of retreat, is to realise once more the wonderful pageant of China's ancient glory.

Miss Tong has travelled extensively, and her cosmopolitanism, when off the stage, is a marked contradiction of the demure little Chinese lady she portrays when on it. She is an expert linguist. She is quite familiar with Western dancing, but has not allowed this to influence her own repertoire in any way.

Once the late Max Reinhardt invited her to perform for him, and she was asked to stay at his home for a few days. On arrival at Schloss Leopoldskron, she was completely carried away by the magnificance of his life. The house had 300 rooms and 200 servants. The estate covered an area of seven square miles. Each suite portrayed an era in history; thus Versailles was reproduced, and the Barberini Palace, and the Sistine chapel where Michael Angelo, lying on his back, captured for all time the story of Creation in imperishable marble.

After her New York success Miss Tong was asked to visit Hollywood, where she met Lily Pons and Mr. Andre Kostelanetz, her husband, the man whose lavish use of the violin enabled jazz to achieve respectability. In Hollywood she stayed with Miss Anna May Wong, perhaps the most famous Chinese actress overseas.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

By The SCRIBE

Chinese industrialist

Among the Hong Kong businessmen who plan to visit England in May to take part in the British Industries Fair is Mr. Eugene Penn, owner of the factories which produce the best-known flasks in the East, the Butterfly brand.

Mr. Penn is the husband of the former Madame Butterfly Wob, well-known Chinese actress. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Kowloon, the leading spirit behind the Kowloon Garden City Association, and chairman of the metal division of the Chinese Factory Union.

The father of two children, Mr. Penn has been in England before. He was also in the United States, where he purchased latest industrial equipment for his factories. His organisation employs a labour force of nearly 200 people, and is gradually growing. He envisages an ultimate establishment of considerable size.

Mr. Penn is a native of Fukien, and he acquired his education in mission schools there.

In his youth he worked with a French firm in Shanghai engaged in the export of China tea, and became an expert tea-taster. He soon branched out into his own, and established the Great China Bobbin and Shuttle Factory in Shanghai, the largest one of its kind in China.

Before doing this, he made a special trip to Europe, where he learned the business thoroughly. He opened on a small scale, gradually developing his connections and markets. The factory is still operating in Shanghai, despite the rigours of the Nationalist blockade.

Like other businessmen in China, Mr. Penn has had innumerable difficulties over the labour question. He regards it as fortunate that he was not in the North when labour was most vociferous. Now he is thinking seriously of giving up his Shanghai home, which costs more than HK$2,000 to maintain monthly.

Still comparatively young, he says that he did not originally plan to establish any factory in Hong Kong. He came here several years ago from the interior, liked the place, and decided to make the Colony his home.

One day some of his former Shanghai staff who were unemployed in Hong Kong approached him with the suggestion that he should give them jobs by opening some sort of business here. He thought seriously about it and decided that there was money in the manufacture of hot-water flasks and flashlights. His local factory began on this simple impulse.

On his export labels Mr. Penn describes his goods as "Empire Products." Not a British subject himself, he operates under the system of Empire tariff preferences and has established excellent markets in England, India, Australia, South Africa and the British colonies.

He has a branch office at 40 Fleet Street, London, and is seriously thinking about opening another in Australia. Australian sales are so good that he thinks there is ample justification for the establishment of a factory in New South Wales.

Mr. Penn is proud of his flasks, and describes them as even superior to their European and American counterparts. Everything that goes into the making of them is imported, and they are made according to the highest British and American specifications. For his chrome unit he had to wait 28 months before delivery.

Mr. Penn is well-built, affable, and has a host of international friends. His time is so taken up with social activities that Mrs. Penn complains over his habit of dining out three weeks every month. He never lunches at home unless it is a holiday, because he is able to assert the prerogative of a millionaire by maintaining a special flat in the heart of Victoria where three cooks provide him and his friends with exquisite meals only a stone's throw away from his office.

MR. EUGENE PENN

He is also a keen member of Bishop Hall's committee on child welfare, and has taken more than 10 young vagrants into his factory where they were given work and a chance to make something of their lives.

Mr. Penn regards his workers as a special responsibility. Although he is an industrialist of enterprise and ambition, he has not lost the common touch. During the Chinese New Year he and Mrs. Penn made a tour of their factories and personally distributed gifts among his staff. It is no wonder that they have come to regard working for him as a special privilege.

Saying good-bye soon

Mr. John Wallace, an enterprising young member of the forces, is leaving Hong Kong this week on the Devonshire for Britain where he will be demobilised. His departure is regarded by listeners to Rediffusion and Radio Hong Kong as a personal loss.

In the short time he has been here he gained popularity in a series of broadcast shows from the China Fleet Club entitled "Services Spotlight." This attempts to entertain after the accepted fashion of the British music hall.

MR. JOHN WALLACE

Mr. Wallace is not only liked by civilian listeners, but by service personnel as well, many thousands of whom made it a point to be next to a radio on the inevitable Rediffusion whenever he was on.

Soon after he arrived in Hong Kong in 1948 he joined Rediffusion as a news broadcaster. He also did a lot of work to provide the forces with entertainment. A man of many loanings and tastes, he was not slow to team up with Mr. Jack Shepherd's troupe which styled itself "The Barnstormers."

Every now and then he acted in Stage Club plays, and also in skits presented by Radio Hong Kong.

He comes from Southampton. He knows Europe slightly, and lived for a time in Switzerland.

Before he came out East he was a free-lance journalist in England, where the going is hard and only those with luck and considerable endurance manage to succeed.

Last Christmas, while presenting a Yuletide programme over Rediffusion entitled "A Child is Born," a commotion occurred outside the studio, which he went out to investigate. A child had just been killed by a motor car. The sight was ghastly, and he was deeply stirred. He could hardly find his voice to announce at the end of the play: "You have just heard a nativity play, 'A Child is Born.' The contrast between real-life and make-believe was so incongruous, he was completely unnerved for the rest of the evening.

Mr. Wallace will be giving his last "Services Spotlight" show on Wednesday.

Expert from China

Nearly half the professional and technical experts of China must be in Hong Kong—doctors, engineers, industrialists, scientists and chemists, lawyers and bankers. Most of them are here because they do not like Communism and remain faithful to the principles they imbibed in the free institutions of the West.

All sought here a refuge from the storm that has been passing over their country, and many are trying to put their expert knowledge and abilities to good use.

One of them is Dr. George Bien who, with a number of qualified colleagues, is organising a new Hong Kong School of Economics and Commerce.

Dr. Bien is one of the sons of Mr. Z. S. Bien, former Manager of the Bank of China in Tientsin and one of the most noted Chinese in the North, who was for many years a member of the British Municipal Council and at one time President of the Tientsin Rotary Club.

He is now living in retirement in Bakersfield, California with Mrs. Bien and their youngest daughter.

Dr. George Bien studied at the Tientsin Anglo-Chinese College, the Shanghai College, and the Brown University in the United States, where he got his doctor's degree in Philosophy. His twin brother, who is also a D. Ph. and studied at Brown University, is on the staff of Queen's College in Hong Kong.

When Dr. Bien returned to China in 1934 he became a research worker in the Yung Li chemical industry of North China.

When the Japanese invaded the North he went to Kwangsi and became a professor in the University at Wuchow, moving to Kweilin when they were bombed out of Wuchow. Later he was on the staff of the Hua Chun University at Wuchang, as head of the Chemistry Department. There he remained till last summer, when he came to Hong Kong, where he has been residing since with his wife and four children.

Several other professors from the mainland, and senior officers of banking institutions who used to be in Shanghai, are co-operating with him in the organisation of the Hong Kong School of Economics and Commerce. Arrangements are being made for registration with the Department of Education, and the School is expected to open for entrance examinations and enrolment in the very near future. The school will be located at No. 10 Austin Road, Kowloon, and classes will be conducted in the evenings, from 5 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

DR. GEORGE BIEN

All the senior staff have been trained either in Britain or in the United States, and hold degrees from higher educational institutions. The curriculum will facilitate the applications of students wishing to transfer to other universities in China or abroad. There will also be preparatory classes for pupils who are not adequately prepared for the professional courses.

Prelude of an artist

Is 21 a good age to be an artist? There are two schools of thought on this. One is the Beverley Nichols school—the other the school of Matthew Arnold. Beverley Nichols achieved fame because at 21, with nothing to support an appeal to posterity, he produced a bold, outrageously vain book about himself entitled "Prelude." Matthew Arnold waited until declining years had set in before he permitted his pen to make his fortune.

I was thinking about these things when I met Mr. John van David, an Englishman who has just turned 21. He is an artist of considerable promise, but I hope flattery and a taste of admiration will not turn his head.

In Hong Kong with the Forces, Mr. van David still has three more years to serve. Army life, apparently, has done nothing to restrict his output, and his portraiture improves with every sketch.

He gave an exhibition of his style before the Rotary Club of Hong Kong the other day, and the audience was much impressed with the easy charm of his sketches.

But he is aware of his limitations, and admits that the world has still to be conquered.

Mr. Van David is handsome in what has come to be known as the "British way." Alfred Duer Miller captured the fundamentals

MR. JOHN VAN DAVID

of this when she wrote about her John:

"John had one of those English faces,
That always were and always will be
Found in the cream of English places,
Till England herself sinks into the sea."

He was born in Yorkshire, and studied at Fettes College—the Scottish Eton. When he was very young his parents took him to view a collection of works by Rembrandt, and when his father saw how tongued the boy was with the pictures hanging on the wall, he said if he wished to be an artist he would help him to be one—although the wish nearest to the parental heart was for an engineer in the family.

Mr. Van David talks about Watteau and Constable in the same breath. He says the English landscape of those days is almost gone, but he knows one spot in the Cotswolds which he hopes to depict one day, after the style of Watteau's entertaining picnic scenes.

Four generations of Gensburger family

A happy family gathering of the four generations of the Gensburger family took place on Friday on the occasion of the 81st birthday of Mr. H. Gensburger, the grand old man who, incidentally, arrived in Hong Kong for the first time in 1891.

Not only are the four generations composed of males, but each one is also the eldest child in the family.

The re-union was made possible with the arrival by the m/v La Marseillaise on Thursday, in which Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Gensburger and their little boy, Jean Michel, aged 11 months, arrived just in time for the happy occasion.

Mr. Morris Feldman, Hong Kong Manager of Shiffro (China) Ltd., left Hong Kong on Friday for Switzerland on a business trip. The Singapore manager of the firm is already there, and it is probable they will be joined by the President of the Company, Mr. I. A. Shiffro.

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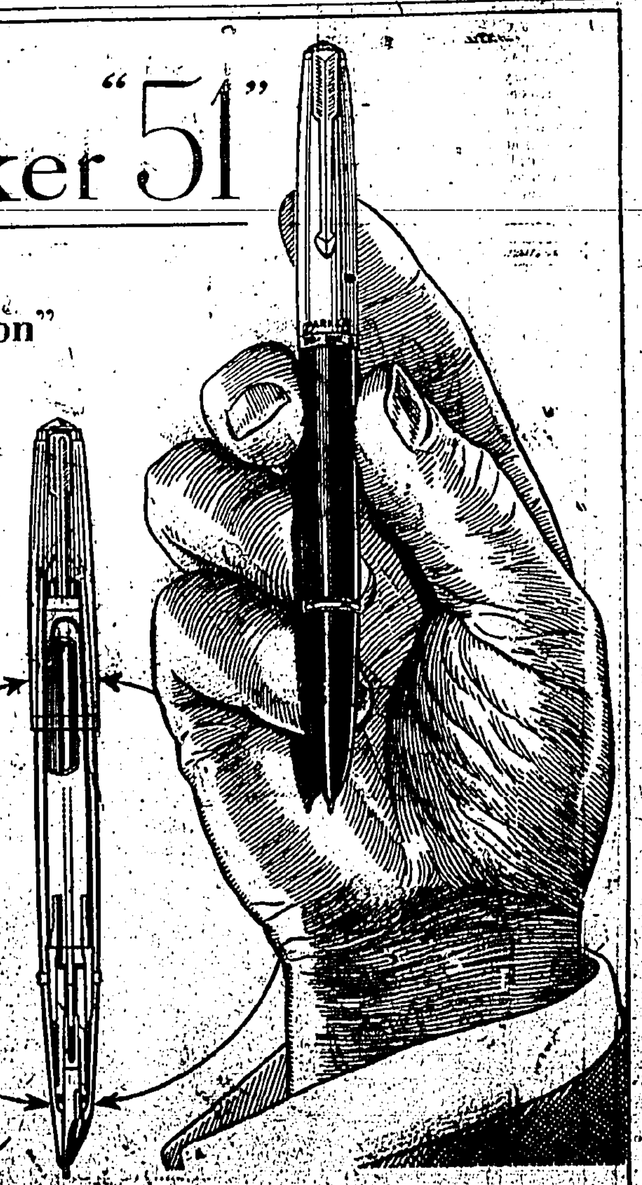

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AUSTRALIAN LETTER

Finest thrill for many moons was when our champions bagged the glamour events in all at the Empire Games but it was fairly swept off the front pages by the spray of tommy-gun bullets from the tough element in Commonwealth capitals.

If gangster hold-ups continue at the current rate it won't be long before they fail to rate as a sensation that is, of course unless arrests are made.

In Australia's first machine-gun hold up when masked bandits made a bid for the Mort's Dock £12,000 payroll in broad daylight, the escort, though wounded, leapt to safety with the cash and gave the alarm. He was a very plucky man but that's not to say it wasn't his lucky day, and also that of the crowd in the street at the time, for the bandits showed a reckless disregard for life as they swept a wicked spray of bullets across their trail while escaping by car and launch.

Police believe two of the men they are seeking are the gunmen who held up the Ultimo branch of the Commonwealth Bank, wounding the manager and a client. A warning has been issued that these men are capable of any crime and are likely to to strike again, but if this goes on and good lives are not to be lost there will be need for an official handbook on what to do when nudged by a gun.

Compared with the Sydney shootings the gang warfare in Melbourne is sissy stuff though bullets have put men in hospital and the police have drawn tommy-guns from their armory.

With this on our plate the tonic value of our triumph in the Empire Games is just what the doctor ordered. Australia sent by far the biggest contingent—150 competitors and 17 officials. Most opportune too with the eyes of the world on the Pacific was the location of the games.

On the New Zealand tracks the economic stresses and differences of colour, politics, and creed, which recently seem to have chased the British Commonwealth to bend and buckle at the seams, were, for the time being at any rate trampled underfoot.

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Petrol rationing

By some strange process of reasoning the mass mind decided that the Government's promise to remove petrol rationing early in the New Year was synonomous with February 1, and there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth when the monthly coupon issue had to be picked up yet once again. The Prime Minister being essentially the type that doesn't talk unless there is something definite to be said in this particular has added to the grievances because the public likes to chew things over and the petrol situation is definitely under the skin. Distinctions with a difference rumbled anent the parallel roles of Government employee and public servant and the tendency for the duties of the former to obscure the obligations of the latter, the while Mr. Menzies, as the unwitting cause, silently coped with signals to and from the British Cabinet and his own Ministers, playing the game according to the hush-hush rules he has drawn up regarding Parliament's negotiations.

The quick-to-blame tab this silence a tactical error and while appreciating that a premature statement can imperil delicate deals they nevertheless hankered for those tid bits which sound so knowledgeable in clubs and pubs. Treasurer Fadden evidently thought it politic to appeal to public patience and pointed out that the strike at the Shell Company had aggravated the problem, so that even though Mr. Menzies made no announcement until distribution was soundly organised the edginess was relieved.

Wool and wheat farmers are the people who gave the biggest sign of relief when coupons went into the discard because of the bumper crops that have to be moved and if everyone plays the game and refrains from hoarding everything will run smoothly once again. The Menzies Government however will not have time for preening even though there is justification. The Shell strike stands as a flagrant attack on the arbitration system and it is difficult to understand the support given by the Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales when this organisation has so often pledged support for arbitration.

The timing of the blow with the Government's all-out effort to lift rationing plainly was no coincidence, the saving grace being that the public recognised the irritation for what it was and though irked preferred not to have the insurgents get away with the attempt at "industrial blackmail. While Ministers and union secretaries played pull devil pull dog with the Shell dispute the 10,000-ton Norwegian tanker James Stove opportunely slipped into Sydney Harbour with the first consignment of dollar-free petrol and was welcomed with such whistling from harbour craft as is kept for national victories and winter fogs.

The ship reached Australia with 4,500,000 gallons of petrol and a second consignment for a similar amount will be discharged in Australian ports next month. This is admitted to be only a drop in the ocean of world supplies but it has proved to the scoffers that extra petrol can be obtained from non-dollar sources and the thing is that Ampol, the company responsible for the non-dollar supply, maintains the flow can be kept up.

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The wharfies

Favourite phrase of the disruptionists ("It's a free country, isn't it?") only flaunts the abuse of privileges by men plotting to wreck industry with a national campaign for a rolling strike. This avowed object of the Waterside Workers Federation was revealed by the union secretary at a Brisbane conference, a new impertinence being the advice to unionists to avoid any head-on collision with the Government.

There is nothing the wharfies will not stoop to because their organisation is riddled with Communists, but they certainly are sticking their neck out this time. The Menzies Government comes straight from an election at which the people emphatically indicated, amongst other things, that Communists must have no hand in the conduct of the country, and there's nothing the suffering citizens would like to see more than an industrial clean-up on the water-front.

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The New Guinea incident shows which way the wind blows and no one will blame our Dutch friends (or are they?) if they wear their I-told-you-so smile. Everyone here was mighty glad of the forthright way External Affairs Minister Spender told the new Sovereign State—and the world—just how we feel about our Number One defence base.

As long ago as the Versailles Conference our elder Statesman, W. M. Hughes, told the nations New Guinea was a fundamental of Australian defence, and our claims are not likely to have been cooled at all by the epic battles of Milne Bay, along the Kokoda trail to Buna, Gona, Lae and Finschhafen, to mention only a few.

When we backed the coloured man in Indonesia in our rough Australian way we were playing the foreign policy game by the 'Fair go' rules we like to think are a national trait, but we did look to get grateful neighbours and not grasping imperialists. Neither ethnologically, geographically, politically or any other way has Indonesia the slightest claim to New Guinea and it looks as though because the Dutch have given an inch the Sovereign tate expects to take a yard as natural sequence.

With all this it doesn't need a clairvoyant to see the next logical step for Indonesia. If any nation has a claim Australia has one in the interests of self preservation and with jet aircraft warming up the sooner we start negotiating for the whole of New Guinea to be brought under Commonwealth administration, the better.

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Ant menace

Go FOR the ant thou sluggard, is the battle cry in Western Australia where Argentina ants are literally eating the people out of house and home with designs on their pound of flesh also. The advancing hordes move in in mass formation and are expert and tenacious colonisers as well as voracious eaters, and once they get into a home their domesticity will triumph over that of the housewife who can squash and spray and sweep all day to find Argentinas waiting in the refrigerator for fresh deliveries of food, and nestling in her sheets when she creeps exhausted to bed.

They invade poultry runs and drive the birds frantic by biting, and climb into citrus and stone fruit trees and destroy the blossoms. They follow the thread of a screw jar to get sugar, meat, or nylons, and they are by no means confined to cottages and homes, but climb to the tops of high flats and city buildings.

They demolish carefully prepared supper while the hostess welcomes the guests, and even honeycombed a wedding cake while the bridal party was at the church. Some people have burned their homes down trying to smoke the Argentinas out and others after a losing battle have taken up their beds and left the ants in possession. The beasties are only an eighth of an inch long but they are acknowledged the most prolific and successful of all ants, and the concern the pest is causing is shown by the State Government grant of £45,000 to finance an ant war.

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Colourful chooks

Poultry runs that look like a confetti battlefield are to be seen in Queensland where Mrs. Edith Rivers is breeding Silkies in bright colours and gathering up the purple ribbons at Royal National Shows. These colourful chooks which come in blue, gold, partridge and black, can gain right of private entry to any suburban garden because they are so well bred they don't even scratch.

They also lay eggs for gentlemen, their efforts being acceptable even to that august body the Egg Board; milliners are queuing for the moulting season because the colours won't run and even their sponsor has traitorously stated they are delicious roasted. The ultimate goal is a scarlet plumage and when this emerges from the cretaceous envelope it will be the supreme test, for feathers notwithstanding, the birds are bred to emulate that paragon of barnyard perfection, the little white hen who never laid away.

Ever on the look-out for new ways of entertaining hostesses, with a movie photography devotee in the family, are turning the hobby to good account. Quite a few Australians have been going places recently and with the wonderful new photographic equipment available they are able to bring back the whole tour among their souvenirs.

Many of the home projectors are convertible to sound and the movie parties are so popular that claims are cropping up for preferential invitations. The idea is also working in reverse and intending travellers are busy shooting typical Australian scenes and beauty spots so that the 'eyes and ears of the world' may well tremble for the future.

Television it seems is not likely to be a profit making business in Australia for the first few years, but just the same commercial stations are bursting to get into it and are mighty glad the Government is not inclined to hug the monopoly. Somehow the idea gained ground that television development here would be delayed by experiments in colour television overseas but now this has been ironed out no time will be lost and doubtless the competitive element will be a useful factor in development.

Inside information

By MERCURY

Swiss medical authorities are appealing for a relaxation of Britain's currency restrictions to allow invalids to visit Switzerland.

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Several British dress designers want to hire three aircraft as flying showrooms for a spring offensive in the U.S. market.

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The Henschel Company of Kassel, which built the Tiger tank, now back on locomotive production, plans to start a factory in South Africa.

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South Africa has hinted to Britain that it wants to take over Simonstown, Britain's South Atlantic naval base.

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The first jet air service will be on the London-Dublin route.

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Summary sentences of 25 years for trivial offences are enabling the Soviet State Police to retain selected German prisoners of war due for repatriation. They are kept together in a Siberian camp.

Very private lives

By Montague Smith

The most intimate official picture of married life ever recorded is contained in a report published at the instance of the Royal Commission on Population, entitled 'Family Limitation and its influence on human fertility during the past fifty years" (H.M. Stationery Office).

Altogether 11,078 women contributed their marital experiences to its compilation. All of them, so far as the records go, were anonymous and will remain so. They were interviewed by doctors and nurses in representative hospitals throughout the country, to which a variety of chances had brought them (comparatively few of these being child-birth itself).

Few refusals

Faced with the most revealing questions on sex, only about one in 100 refused to answer.

Out of their replies Dr. Lewis-Faning, on behalf of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, has compiled a volume of 202 pages with 182 statistical tables analysing various aspects of the problem.

It is not for the casual reader. The technicalities of the research are for the most part beyond all but the specialist, but the broad conclusions which emerge, as showing the modern way of married life will be of importance in every home.

'Planned family'

The use of methods of birth control has shown a 400-per-cent increase since the beginning of the century. More and more husbands and wives are adopting it from the start of marriage. More and more of them are "planning" the size of their families—not always successfully.

Approximately two out of every three married couples are now applying some form of birth control, either regularly or intermittently, to regulate the number of their children. Without it there would be on the average one more child in each family than there is today.

In contrast, there runs throughout this record the story of 15 per cent of all women who wanted more children but could not have them, often because they had abandoned control too late.

Among these, too, must be included the remarkably high figure of nearly 10 per cent of all wives who, because of their own physical defects or those of their partners, were found to be incapable of conception.

The child thought to be "unwanted" is another human factor who appears, indeed, in a warm and shining light in these records. Only 12 per cent of women who bore one denied that it was definitely welcome in later years.

The real reasons why so many women are denying themselves children nowadays are clear.

One in every three women married between 1940 and 1946 reported that she was using birth control because of the difficulty of finding a house in which to bring up a family. And nearly as many said that they could not afford to have children.

Other reasons given for the use of birth control (in percentages) by those questioned whose marriages took place since 1940 include: To space pregnancies (the family "planners"), 22; uncertainty due to the war, 20; health reasons or on medical advice, 20; fears of family ties and loss of freedom, 8; dislike of pregnancy, 4; difficulties of obtaining domestic assistance, 1.

The first questions the inquiry set itself to answer were the extent of birth control and whether it ultimately reduces the capacity of a woman to have children.

Steady increase

The answer to the last admits of, no doubt. The fact that pregnancy rates after control is abandoned are consistently and markedly higher than in those where control has never been exercised provides clear indication that its use does not appreciably reduce the power to have children.

The percentage of women using birth control at some time during their married life steadily increases. It was 15 per cent before 1910, 40 in the 1910-19 decade, is estimated at about 60 today, and is expected shortly to rise to 70, or seven out of every 10 married couples.

Before 1910 only four per cent of husbands and wives made use of it as soon as they were married; today the corresponding figure is nearly 40, and 28 per cent more adopt it within the first five years of marriage.

Birth control is practised more among the higher social classes than in the homes of manual workers. There is a tendency also for the former to adopt it earlier in life. A higher proportion of Jews use birth control than women of any other religion.

The other side

Its use (mainly by the non-appliance method) is also increasing among Roman Catholics, 46 per cent of those married between 1930-39 having admitted its adoption.

Women who had at no time used birth control were asked their reasons. The most common answer was that the woman wanted a family and did not mind how many children there were or how quickly they came.

The other common reason given was that the woman wanted a family but could not get it. Ignorance and indifference were each advanced by about 10 per cent of women, and other explanations were: religious objections, eight per cent; belief in harm to health, four per cent; aesthetic grounds, three per cent.

A normal wife not using controls can expect to become pregnant on the average in about eight months in the first five years of married life, in about 11 months in the second five years, and in about 23 in the third five.

There has been little concealment of control, and the use of it fully accounts for the fall in the birth rate during the present century.

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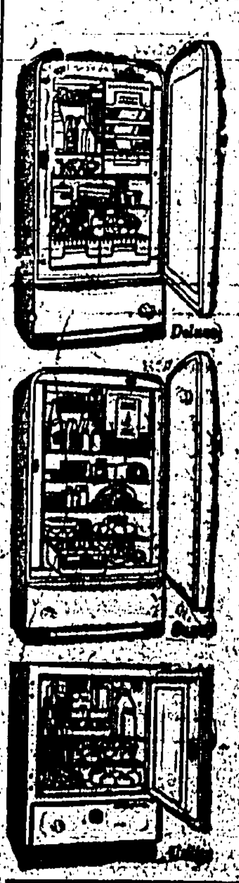

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TIDES OF CHANGE

It is too early yet to determine the long-term economic consequences of the re-opening of the land routes into China. It happens to coincide with the blockading of the main sea approach, but that will not last for ever. These land routes were open before the first world war, but had little influence on the economy of China. Indeed, their effect was limited to North Manchuria, and one gains the impression that the economic provisions of the new Moscow Pact chiefly concerned Manchuria—not China Proper.

Even if the Russian railway system is a vast improvement on the pre-revolutionary period, it remains true that so long a rail haul from Eastern Europe is uneconomic compared with sea freight, especially when large freighters could load at Liverpool and discharge all the way up the Yangtze at Hankow. It may be supposed that the Russians will try to create new economic links between themselves, their satellites and Manchuria—possibly even with China Proper—but only some great upheaval such as another world war, which would put the seaports out of action, could produce a revolutionary return to land-routed trade.

Indeed, it will be noted that the North China Import Corporation has made direct approaches to manufacturers and exporters in the United States. That is a change of mechanism, and an obvious effort to eliminate the private merchant, but not a change either of market or of route of supply. Nor, within any easily measurable distance of time, would the reported plans to transfer large sections of Russian industry to the Baikal region make much difference. But change in this dynamic age is all-embracing, and though it may function slowly over a great reach of time, more and more land routes will supplement—not eliminate—the sea routes. By that time China herself may have achieved a large degree of industrialisation and railway and road, as well as air, development.

No doubt Russia will do her utmost to persuade the Chinese Communists to back her up in a considerable effort to transform not only the mechanism but also the channels of trade. A long message a week or so ago reported that Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Finland were forging, in concert with Russia, a multi-million dollar trade pact with China. The aim of such an interlocking agreement would be not only to weld European and Asian Communism together but to eliminate the United States as a necessary factor in the future development of China. The idea no doubt exists, and the urge as well, but an adequate plan is hardly possible.

In his noted work on the Inner Asian Frontiers of China, Mr. Owen Lattimore pointed out that the Age of Columbus was as revolutionary for Europe as it was was for Asia and the Americas. It not only opened a maritime age of sea power but provided a startling increase in range of action and force of impact. The new forces at work in society at once identified themselves with the expansion of sea power, and kept Western Europe, and in particular England, at the controlling point of balance until the twentieth century. The Manchu conquest was the last rush of the tide whose ebb and flow along the Great Wall frontier had hitherto dominated China's history. The Japanese invasion of Manchuria was an attempt to subject the Inner Asian land frontier to control from the sea. The Age of Columbus is now giving place to a newer age.

"Such new ages grow up from within their predecessors, not to one side of them or independently of them. In part they destroy and in part merely reshape and reanimate the forms that they supersede; they must break up old vested interests in order to establish new paramount interests. The next chapter of China's history will have more in it than a record of struggle for geographical expansion between automata marked 'Russian Communism' and 'Japanese Imperialism.' It is the Westernizing of China's own ancient civilisation that will in fact be decisive."

The China of the future, therefore, will be neither a Treaty Port China nor a country with a closed and hidden landward frontier. It will be a nation whose own needs demand free economic exchange with every country in the world, regulated on a footing of political equality.

BIG THREE OF PEKING

By John Larraine

In the lovely, ancient walled city of Peking today sit three men—a thinker, a fighter, and a diplomat—who have the power of life and death of 450,000,000 people.

And it is upon these three men, Mao Tse-tung, Chu Teh and Chou En-lai that the responsibility for peace in Asia rests from now on.

Their political creed has never been in doubt. Good Communists they certainly are. Today they are very close to the Kremlin, but what of the future?

How will they react to influences from East and West, to commitments they are forced to follow? How, in fact, will they react to power? Perhaps the key is to be found in their personalities rather than in any political programme.

Here, then, is the Red trio.

Thinker

Mao Tse-tung is the thinker, and, for the time being, the boss. Physically, he is unprepossessing. At 57, he is relatively tall for a Chinese, but stooping and fat, with thinning hair, a curiously immobile face, and dreamy eyes.

He likes good food, alcoholic drinks, and chain-smoking.

Careless in his personal habits, his favourite clothes are the black cotton slippers and the faded blue padded clothes of the Chinese peasant.

Mao has been married three times. His first wife was shot by Chiang Kai-shek's troops. He divorced his second to marry a pretty Chinese film actress named Lan Ping.

Often called "The Lenin of China," Mao is an able poet, a great conversationalist, and an avid reader of philosophical books. Western visitors have been surprised by his erudition.

Loved by none

A master of epigram and sharp sarcasm, he is loved by no one, least of all his subordinates, but most Chinese, Communist or anti-Communist, admire him.

A poor speaker, he makes a better impression at a small gathering. Morose, moody, given to mental contemplation, he likes best working at night, sleeping in the daytime.

From his father's Hunan farm, Mao Tse-tung at 17 went to Changsha University, where, instead of reading Chinese classics he fell on books by Karl Marx, Adam Smith, Darwin, Rousseau, and, with assets of £1. 10s. he organised a group of hardened and determined young men intent on saving China, but he soon grew bored with them.

He went to Shanghai. While the Kuomintang, influenced by the famous Red adventurer Borodin flirted with Russia, Mao was one of Chiang's best lieutenants. When the Generalissimo broke with Moscow, Mao established the first Chinese Soviet in Kiangsi.

Driven out by Chiang, he personally led the famous "long march" (6,000 miles) which took the Communist legions from Kuangsi to Yenan in 1934-35.

During the war, Mao stuck rigidly to his Party's policy of "70 per cent self-development, 20 per cent compromise (with Chiang Kai-shek) and 10 per cent war (against the Japanese)."

A master at organisation, Mao is today the chairman of the Chinese Politbureau.

He takes all political decisions, especially in internal affairs, looks after Party discipline, and actually presides over the gigantic land reform which the Peking Government is now carrying out.

Fighter

General Chu Teh—his name means red virtue—has been Mao's political twin brother for so long that many Chinese people often lump them together as one person, Chu-Mao.

Big, burly, bearlike, he has a smile like a Chinese dragon, an unfailing good temper, and laugh that resembles a roar. Simple, often kind-hearted, he is the most approachable of all Chinese Communist leaders.

For 20 years he has lived exactly like his men, sharing their meagre rations, wearing similar clothes.

The Communist victory in China is his work. Western observers have called him the best military brain China has ever produced. He is brilliant at guerilla strategy, strict on discipline, clever at improvisation, ruthless and utterly fearless in battle. Since 1929 he has never lost a battle.

Of the Red trio, he is the one who knows the Chinese peasant best. At the beginning, he had but the human raw materials of a fighting force. He trained it into China's best army. Chu's soldiers are the first in the country's history never to take to pillage or banditry.

The son of wealthy parents who sent him to a military academy, Chu Teh could have had an easy life.

In 1915, he had a large house in Yunnan, two wives and numerous concubines, a good table, and a passion for opium smoking. Like all Chinese officials he was financially successful.

In 1922,—no one ever quite knew why—he quit everything, spent three months alone getting rid of his opium habit. Then he went to Europe, studied in Hanover and Paris, ending up in Moscow, where, for six years he worked at a university for Oriental students.

Back in China he became the striking arm of Mao's new movement. Now that the war is virtually over, Chu Teh's place in the scheme of things is not clear. But he will undoubtedly remain one of China's great names.

Diplomat

No one ever linked the name of 48 year-old Chou En-lai with anyone else's, for Chou, the diplomat, is as different from Mao and Chu Teh as could be imagined.

Though he is the most travelled of the three, he is the least known. The reason is that, wily and self-centred, Mr. Chou keeps his own dreams of power to himself.

He is tall, rich, handsome (by both Eastern and Western standards), and gifted with a very smooth oratory. He likes good clothes, good food, American cigarettes and fast cars, and has all the outward signs of prosperity.

Highly Westernised, he has a far wider outlook than either of his colleagues, and his Communism is reported to be less strong than his love of polemics.

He has been the perfect go-between every time the Chinese Communists wanted to obtain something from the West, for no Western politican can fail to like the charming Mr. Chou. Therein lies his present strength.

Met in prison

Chou is married. His wife, Ten Ling, is a member of the Politbureau in her own right. They met while in a Nationalist prison.

The most sensational success of Chou, the diplomat, came in 1936, when his earnest pleadings and timely promises saved the life of imprisoned Chiang Kai-shek.

Chou's political character is best illustrated by these words, spoken in 1945: "Leaders of nations," he said, "must often renounce on Monday what they said on Saturday. They are not bound by the rules which limit ordinary people."

This is the man with whom the West now has to deal.

CHINA'S RUSSIAN TREATY

By Scrutator

The treaty signed between Russia and China is on the surface, at all events, a victory for the Chinese leader, Mao Tse-tung, who had been negotiating in Moscow for about two months.

Mao's first and most difficult object must have been to get the Russo-Chinese treaty of 1945 cancelled and the Russian grip removed from Manchuria. The three ipoints most obnoxious to the Chinese were the "joint" control of Russia over the Manchurian trunk railway, her "joint" control over the naval base of Port Arthur, and her retention of the machinery, buildings and other economic assets taken over from the Japanese.

All these Moscow undertakes to surrender to China—the first two by the end of 1952 at the latest, and earlier if and when a peace treaty is signed with Japan.

Original annexation

In the six years 1(1898-1904) before the Russo-Japanese War, when Russia effected and enjoyed her original semi-annexation of Manchuria, it was through her military occupation of Port Arthur and Dalny and her military control of the Manchurian railways that she did so.

The result of the war (1904-5) was to deprive her of these footholds, and with them of her rule over the country, where Japan came to dominate in her stead. When, 40 years later, Japan was defeated, the immediate reaction of Russia was to demand and obtain the restitution of everything lost in 1905, including Port Arthur and Dalny and the railway.

Western assents had been extorted by Stalin in advance at Yalta. The episode was an interesting one to any student of Russian history as illustrating, not merely the absolute continuity between Tsarist and Soviet Imperialism, but also the undying urge of Russian aggression; which, when held in check at any given point for, it may be, several generations, always revives and returns to the charge as soon as the obstacle is removed.

Now, though originally Manchuria was not China, but the foreign home of a foreign dynasty which ruled China, yet its opening to Chinese settlement has caused it to be inhabited overwhelmingly by a Chinese population, and the Chinese nation as a whole regards it as essentially part of its homeland.

It was the affront which Japan inflicted on this sentiment by constituting Manchuria as a separate country—"Manchukuo"—that above all nerved the Chinese to their implacable anti-Japanese resistance.

And when the fall of Japan was followed, not by reunion with Manchuria, but merely by its passing out of one conqueror's hand into another's, the resentment felt must have been correspondingly profound. Mao might truthfully argue that friendship with Russia on those terms could never be enduring, and that in its own interest the best course for the Soviet would be to renounce its gains of 1945.

That is now conceded. If the promise is kept. The Russians need not budge at earliest till a Five-Power peace-treaty with Japan is signed—not a likely contingency, as things are. Failing it, they can sit tight till the end of 1952. For that critical period the Chinese will have to be on their best pro-Russian behaviour, for the promise may be revoked. But meantime there it is—a good talking-point for Mao in China, and for Communist agents all over South-East Asia.

Two other Russian concessions are the return to China of Japanese economic assets, and a credit for 300 million dollars spread over five years to enable China to buy capital goods from Russia. The first would be very important if it included the return of assets already taken out of the country; but it probably does not.

The second surprises by its smallness. Three hundred million dollars is only a little over £100 million, and £20 million a year seems a drop in the bucket of devastated and depleted China.

Defensive alliance

In form this is a defensive alliance; but such an alliance between partners, one of whom is an aggressive Power already waging "cold" war in all the continents, cannot be limited to defensive action.

The usefulness of China to Russia in the event of a "hot" war might be somewhat restricted; but to the "cold" war, prosected at the critical by lies and murder and sabotage, she might be expected to contribute a good deal.

In preparing for her "hot" war Russia is anxious in advance to dislodge the Western Powers from South-East Asia. For the object-lesson of 1941-45 has shown how much embarrassed those Powers are if deprived of the rubber, tin, oil and other raw materials which they have been accustomed to procure from that region.

Communism in China, by the prestige of its victory, has already helped the malcontents in the countries concerned. But as a main channel for the stream of Russian direction it could do much more; and now China is brought formally within Russia's orbit we may safely assume that it will.

Shadow over Shangri-la

By Robert Clyde

There is a shadow over the Top of the World — the shadow of that same Hammer and Sickle which have swept in recent years across Eastern Europe and China.

Tibetans look North and North-East towards China. They look South towards India. And they look at their own hard and desolate land. At their gates are the Chinese Communists, speaking loudly of bringing Tibet back to the Chinese Empire.

There are very many Chinese Communists, and behind China is Soviet Russia.

The Tibetans look at the mountains and rivers which guard their land and at their army of 8,000 Regulars and 12,000-strong Militia.

Dour soldiers these, drawn from hardy tribesmen well suited for guerilla warfare.

The Tibetans say that, come what may, they will resist aggression.

Women will fight

If one points out the difficulties of a small, unorganised, ill-equipped country facing the might of a modern army one may receive a shrug of the shoulder and the reply: "Phose Mo-Thuk"—"If the men are killed the women will fight."

Should war come to Shangri-la the world will hear of strange military titles.

There is the N.C.O., the Chupon, who commands 10 men; or the Gyakpon, who has 125 soldiers.

These titles typify the forces which will face aggression should it come. Who are the would-be aggressors?

Travellers from North-East Tibet say that on the lands around Tibet has been established a Tibet People's Government.

In these territories are 80,000 Tibetans now being indoctrinated with Communist ideals.

The Tibetan Provisional Government has a simple programme: to wrest power from the Government at Lhasa and to secure the return of the Panchen Lama to Tibet.

The rivals

In the Panchen Lama lies much of the recent history of Tibet. There has been no Panchen Lama in Tibet itself since 1923, and in his palace at Tashi-lunpho, the Palace of Western Paradise, there hangs a robe which has been waiting for the day of his return. For the Panchen Lama is a very great power in Tibet.

He has always been the rival of the Dalai Lama, the reincarnation of the Lord of Mercy. The Panchen Lama is the reincarnation of the Boundless Light.

Because, in the mythology of Tibet, the Boundless Light was the spiritual guide to the Lord of Mercy many Tibetans believe the Panchen Lama to have spiritual powers equal to or greater than those of the Dalai Lama. His temporal powers are much less.

With this political-spiritual conflict the Panchen Lama becomes a very important person in the life of present-day Shangri-la.

In 1923 the then Panchen Lama fled from Tibet to China because of differences with the Dalai Lama. Both these two are now dead, and in their stead are their two "reincarnations," found after much search and many tests.

The Dalai Lama is 14 years old. It took two years for him to be found, and he was identified by divination in a small Tibetan village.

Placed before him were a number of identical articles. He chose the rosary, the skull-drum, and the walking stick of his predecessor, or, as the Tibetans say, he chose those things which he had in his former life.

His name was Lha-mo Tondrup. On installation he became the Holy One, Noble One of Soft Voice, Mighty in Speech, Excellent of Knowledge, Absolute in Wisdom, Holder of the Doctrine Powerful Ruler of the Three Worlds, the One without Equal.

A lonely life

The Dalai Lama was found in 1935. In 1938 the new Panchen Lama was found.

Both lead a lonely life. The Panchen Lama is 12, but, like the slightly older contemporary, he has to live a life of discipline and study.

All the theological and metaphysical sides of Lamaism must be known to them. No woman's influence is allowed to colour their lives; even their mothers' visits are discouraged.

Every dish they eat is first tasted lest poison should reach them.

So two boys are tending to be the symbols of Shangri-la. The Dalai Lama because he represents the existing order. The Panchen Lama because he can be a rallying cry to disaffected elements.

Among the claims of the Provisional Government is that the Panchen Lama shall be allowed to return to Tibet with a Chinese bodyguard.

The Tibetan Government has rejected this claim, but lest the bodyguard should seek its way in by force, and lest it should be too large and lest there should be with it men who think too much of Hammer and Sickle, their eyes are fixed upon the three invasion routes of Tibet—from Sikkim, from Sining, and across the eastern frontier to Shamdo.

Desolate areas

These are desolate areas, with rivers and mountains and desert separating the Communists from Lhasa. Twice a year caravans go forth from Sining to Lhasa; they take four months for the journey.

But the Tibetans do not put their trust in the natural guardians of Shangri-la. They have ordered the recruitment of 50,000 more men.

They have withdrawn their troops from outposts and reposted them along the Eastern frontier. Attempts are being made to strengthen communications; there has even been a census of mules.

And while the mules are being counted, and while the recruits are being sought, Shangri-la turns from ancient things to listen to one of the powers of them all.

There is a radio in Shangri-la, and on it come the threats from the East.

MISNOMER

What's in a name? The answer, in Belgium at any rate, is apparently—quite a lot.

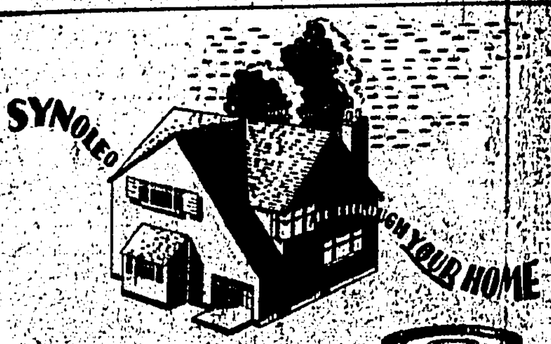
Writing from Brussels, Gavin Gordon points out that whereas in most countries parents can christen a child with whatever name they choose, in Belgium the law rules that children can only be given names selected from a list of some 200 saints and classical heroes. For this reason many parents burden their children with six or seven names merely in the hope of striking a combination that has not occurred to anyone else.

All of which may worry the Belgian parent, but even more worried are the British Consular officers in Belgium who have to register the names of British children born in the country.

Recently the Consul in Brussels was visited by a wrathful Briton who complained that the authorities had flatly refused to recognise "Wendy" as a name for his daughter. It wasn't a Belgian name, it wasn't classical (with apologies to "Peter Pan") and, above all, it wasn't on the all-important "list."

Only when the registration authorities had had a personal visit from the Consul, and only when they had seen written certificates proving that Wendy's father was a British subject, and that "Wendy" was a perfectly legal name for a British girl — only then did they consent to the name.

Even then, concludes our correspondent, it was not without a despairing comment on the mad British."



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Whale 'Meet'

From New York, Kay Murray reports that for the first time for more then 10 years, the cry of "There She Blows!" (with an American accent) will be heard again in the Antarctic.

When the war ended, the Norwegians and our own British fleets quickly returned to the whaling business. They were followed almost as quickly by ships of the Dutch, Russian Argentine, and Japanese whaling fleets.

Now a newly organised American whaling company is to send its ships to the Antarctic next autumn. This will be the first American expedition since the U.S. converted most of its whaling ships into tankers during the war. Twelve "killer" ships, converted from U.S. Navy corvettes, make up the fleet. Each ship is 190 feet long, and according to the whaling company concerned, the combined horsepower of the fleet is double that of any other expedition ever to start whaling in the Antarctic.

Every whaling story, however, is not complete today without its international slant. In a footnote to her story, Kay Murray points out that the "mother" ship for the fleet will be an American tanker now being re-built for the job at Kiel. Why Kiel? Because, say the Americans, the Germans quoted prices 60 per cent. lower than anyone else.

ELECTION PRODUCES CRISIS IN BRITAIN

Country may have to go to polls again

CONSTITUTIONAL DILEMMA

LONDON, FEBRUARY 25.

THE LABOUR PARTY WON A HAIRBREADTH MAJORITY IN THE NEW HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTER A PHOTO-FINISH ELECTION, THE MOST SENSATIONAL IN THE NATION'S HISTORY, THAT PLUNGED BRITAIN INTO A POLITICAL CRISIS.

So close was the race that the Labour Government was left impotent and a new General Election is expected after a few months of political turmoil.

With 618 seats counted, the standings in the General Election were: Labour 314; Conservatives 294; Liberals 8; Speaker 1, Irish Nationalist 1.

Although Labour cannot be out-voted if all its members are present in the House, the majority is too small to control the Commons.

Labour's popular vote was 13,178,787, which is less than the combined vote of the Conservatives and Liberals.

The Labour Party's popular vote in the 1945 election was 11,922,292, but in that election the Conservative vote was only 9,058,020.

The Conservative vote yesterday was 11,236,413, and the Liberal vote 2,596,058.

Flabbergasted Labour leaders called an emergency meeting of the Cabinet for this morning after gloomy consultations at Party headquarters and at 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee.

In their talks yesterday and late into the night, it was said on excellent authority that the Labour leaders mentioned the following points:

1. The Labour Government will continue in office for the present.

2. Parliament will meet as arranged on March 1. The King will open it formally on March 6 with a speech from the throne outlining Labour's legislative programme.

3. The Government for the present will concentrate on getting essential legislation through the Commons, notably the budget for the next fiscal year, which starts on April 1.

It was 8.20 p.m. when Labour reached, in the returns from the elections, the total of 313 seats it needed for the bare majority in the House of Commons, which has 625 Members.

Major dilemma

The deadlock arising from the Election has plunged Labour and the Conservatives into the greatest constitutional dilemma in British history for over a century.

There are still a few results to be declared and for this and other reasons some days may elapse before Mr. Attlee, in consultation with the leaders of the Cabinet and the chiefs of the Labour Party, makes his final decision.

Mr. Attlee's personal feeling is understood to be that if Labour has an absolute overall majority, then there must be a Labour Government, doubtless with the reconstruction usual after a General Election.

But if Labour transpires to be merely the leading Party, many difficult questions of principle will arise and the Prime Minister will have to decide whether to inform the King that Labour cannot carry on under such circumstances.

The dilemma of the Cabinet is that various financial provisions must be made almost immediately for the carrying on of Britain's business, including the Forces.

These provisions need Parliamentary sanction and a weakened Government might have considerable difficulty in obtaining it.

It is not yet possible to say whether Labour would agree to a working arrangement with the eight Liberals. They would support a Labour Government, it is understood, if nationalisation were not further extended.

Bitter memories

Cabinet leaders believe that the effect of 475 Liberal candidates in this Election damaged Labour even more than the right wing Party.

To have a chance of remaining in office Labour will have to impose iron discipline upon all its Parliamentary followers, lest by a single absentee it should be snap-voted out of office.

Labour is uneasy about "support" from other parties. They have bitter recollections of the minority Labour administrations of 1924 and 1929 to 1931. Then the Socialists held the Government reins with Liberal support.

The big question here tonight is whether the Government will plan to stay in office until after the April budget.

Scotland saved the day for Labour.

Labour gained an overnight lead of 60 seats over the Conservatives and it was only by yesterday afternoon that a neck and neck race developed and was fought out between the two main parties. Then—when some Labour circles were gloomily predicting defeat—results started to flood in from the big industrial areas and cities of Scotland. They showed that the people there had held firm to the Socialist system they chose in 1945. Labour's tally then began to shoot up again—slowly but persistently.

Closest ever

It was the closest General Election that the nation had ever seen.

Labour's majority swayed between 15 and 20 for hours after the Conservatives began overhauling their overnight deficit of 60.

The Conservatives' leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, was himself returned to Parliament with an overwhelming majority just as his Party's fortunes brightened.

At this point Labour spokesmen remained silent as their majority, which last night they thought "a sure thing," ebbed away with massive rural backing for the Conservatives.

At 3.10 p.m. the Conservatives passed the 215 seats they held in the old Parliament, and began to talk about victory where earlier they said only, "We still have a chance."

The close fight showed Britain as a nation split down the middle.

The industrial cities last night indicated that the working class masses solidly backed Socialism's "Welfare State."

Today's swing reflected a determined effort by the heavily-taxed middle classes to sweep Labour out of power.

Bevin staying

Two outstanding features of this Election were as follows:

(1) Hundreds of Liberals forfeited their deposits for failing to poll an eighth of the electoral votes in their constituencies.

(2) The eclipse of the Communists and their sympathisers. Their only members of the last Parliament—Mr. Willie Gallacher and Mr. Phil Piratin—were at the bottom of the polls. Labour's five foreign policy rebels—all expelled from the Party for support of Communism—were banished from Parliament seats by the voters.

Mr. Churchill—whose Party cut the overall majority from 172 in the last House of Commons—declared shortly before the finish, "It is obvious that Parliament is going to be in a very unstable position. All we can do is to keep our eyes steadily fixed on the main purpose of bringing our country back to the forefront of the nations and to make her a home for all our people."

Mr. Ernest Bevin will retain his post as Foreign Secretary in the new Government.

Quarters in touch with Mr. Bevin asserted that he had been making definite plans to continue at the Foreign Office in the event of a Labour victory and had no intention of resigning the Foreign Secretaryship for the present.

Labour's "Big Four"—the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Deputy Premier, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Crips, and Mr. Bevin—met immediately after the verdict was known tonight to decide their future moves.

Three choices

They had three choices before them—to form a new Labour Government with or without an understanding with the Liberals; to go to the King and tell him that under the circumstances Labour could not see its way to take over control in the country; or—an improbable choice—to approach Mr. Churchill with the idea of forming a Coalition Government.

The first of these three steps, political experts believe, is the most likely.

Both Labour and Conservatives have stated firmly that they will not agree to a Coalition.

If a new Government is formed on today's figures the new House of Commons will be one of the strongest in its 600 years of history.

With so close a majority, Party "Whips" will have to lash members into constant attendance for fear of defeat on a sudden "snap" vote.

Members will find their freedom during sessions limited.

The Election, which up to polling day had probably been the tamest ever known, was transformed early today into the most thrilling of all time.

Sudden slump

Labour started the day with an overall dawn lead of 60 seats. For some hours, as the country votes rolled in steadily, this lead was held.

Then, early in the afternoon, the Labour majority slumped suddenly to 53. In a few more minutes it was down to 48.

As the results avalanched in, minute by minute, from the moorland communities of Yorkshire and the market towns of South England, Labour faces became anxious. Conservative disappointment turned to jubilation.

The Labour lead slumped to 40, to 30, to 23 and then to below 20. Sometimes it rallied slightly as results came from the Welsh coal valleys, cradles of Socialism, and smoky industrial areas such as Durham.

Shortly after 4 p.m. the Liberals had five seats and Labour's overall majority was down to only five.

Business on the London Stock Exchange came to a standstill as brokers watched result after result, cheering every Conservative success.

Prices, which had fallen because of Labour's early lead, held steady.

Shortly before 5 p.m. Labour, for the first time, completely lost its overall majority.

Figures at this time were: Labour 267, Conservatives 261, Liberals 6.

But half an hour later the Socialist margin had climbed again to 16 as support came from safe Labour areas in Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

Then in came Scotland with its vital seats for Labour.

Odd records

Twenty-three minutes after six o'clock in the evening Labour's total reached 310—a figure that made it certain that the Government Party had secured a majority, however, small, over the Conservatives.

The Conservatives at this time had 281 seats and the Liberals seven.

Between then and 8 p.m. results slowed down and Party leaders were still anxiously watching the tape machines for further victories or losses.

A complete comparison of gains and losses on strength in the previous House is impossible because of the wide re-distribution of seats carried out by the last Parliament to match wartime shifts of population.

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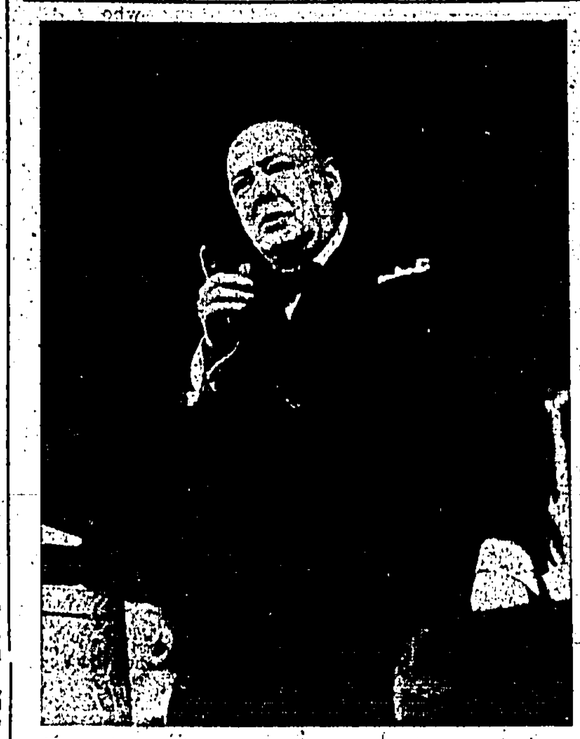
Weather holds up results from Orkneys

London, February 24.

Heavy snow and high seas in the Orkney and Shetland Islands may further delay the Election results for this remote part of the British Isles. Results were already delayed until Monday.

As the blizzard swept North Rondaldsay Island, Northermost of the Orkney group, the presiding officer flashed a message to the mainland that conditions made it impossible for ballot boxes to leave the island.—Reuter.



Mr. Winston Churchill, whose Conservatives suffered a narrow defeat in the General Election but who may yet be Prime Minister if new elections are forced because of the slim Labour majority in the House of Commons.

Two more Ministers lose their seats

London, February 24.

Two more Ministers were defeated in the General Election today.

One was Mr. Ernest Bevin's (the Foreign Secretary) right-hand man at the Foreign Office, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, who lost his seat in Norfolk.

The other was Mr. Tom Steele, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of National Insurance, who lost to the Conservative candidate, Lord Dunglass, by only 685 votes.

Five other Ministers have also been defeated.

They were: Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, and his Parliamentary Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Rees-Williams, Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor-General, Mr. L. J. Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, and Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. King, Parliamentary Secretary to the Town Planning Ministry.

Mr. Winston Churchill retained his seat with a larger majority than before over his Labour, Liberal and Communist opponents at Woodford.

Both his sons-in-law, Captain Christopher Soames, and Mr. Duncan Sandys, were also elected as Conservatives.

But Mr. Churchill's son, Randolph, was defeated at Devonport.

Communists out

At Coventry the poll was so heavy that there were not enough ballot papers. As a result of this between 300 and 400 people could not vote.

Lady Megan Lloyd George (Liberal), daughter of Britain's Premier during the first world war, and the Liberal leader, Mr Clement Davies, successfully defended their seats in Wales.

A big blow to Communist aspirations was the heavy defeat of Mr. Harry Pollitt, Secretary of the Communist Party, in the South Wales mining constituency of Rhondda.

Also defeated, in a seat he had held for 20 year, the Communist candidate, Mr. Willie Gallacher, said tonight:—

"Personally it does not affect me very much.

"I was a working class agitator in the House of Commons. I still remain a working class agitator."—Reuter.

Asmara, February 24.

The death roll in the four-day Eritrean communal disorders rose to 47 today. There were two outbreaks of fire in Asmara despite the total curfew imposed since yesterday.

The Administration today banned the possession of all swords, daggers and other weapons.—Reuter.

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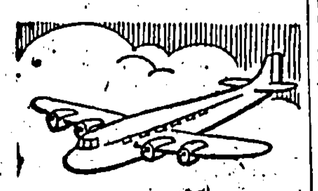

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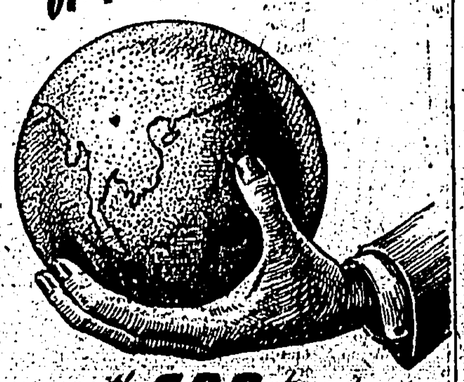

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TAIPEH AIR RAID CLAIMS

Taipeh, February 24.

A big bag of Communist invasion craft off the South China mainland was claimed tonight by the Nationalist Air Force. In an attack which it said, was devastating, Air Headquarters claimed that more than 20 vessels averaging 300 tons each were sunk or badly damaged, along with 160 to 240 smaller craft.

The location was near Peihai, West of the Luichow Peninsula, near the Nationalist Island of Hainan.

The Air Force also reported sinking many junks off the East coast port of Swatow and raids on Communist positions around Amoy, the Chusan Islands and on the Shanghai-Hangchow railway.

Planes also were the big news defensively. Premier Yen Hsi-shan's office said it had trustworthy reports that Russia already had supplied the Chinese Reds with warplanes for use against the Nationalists. No details were given.

The Reds have a few operable planes obtained through Nationalis desertions but have never used them.

Indicating a genuine fear of possible air raids, the Nationalists ordered erection of air raid shelters and directed all non-essential residents to leave this capital.

Factories, schools and hospitals which can do so were ordered to move to the country Government archives are being removed.—Associated Press.

SWEET RATION UP

London, February 24.

The sweet ration will be temporarily increased tomorrow from four to five ounces a week, the Ministry of Food announced today.—Associated Press.

RESOLUTION TO END KASHMIR COMMITTEE

Lake Success, February 24.

A resolution terminating the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan and appointing a United Nations representative to take over its powers and responsibilities in Kashmir was introduced in the Security Council today.

The resolution was introduced by Dr. Carlos Blanco, President of the Council for the month of February. The other sponsoring countries were the United States, the United Kingdom and Norway.

The text of the resolution is:

"Having received and noted the report of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, established by the resolutions of January 20 and April 21, 1948;

"Having also received and noted the report of General A.G.L. McNaughton on the outcome of his discussions with the representatives of India and Pakistan, which were instituted in pursuance of the decision taken by the Security Council on December 17, 1949;

"Commending the Governments of India and Pakistan for their statesmanlike action in reaching the agreements embodied in the United Nations Commission's resolutions of August 13, 1948, and January 5, 1949, for a cease-fire, for the demilitarisation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and for the determination of its final disposition in accordance with the will of the people through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite and commending the parties in particular for their action in partially implementing these resolutions by:

"(1)—the cessation of hostilities effected on January 1, 1949... (2)—the establishment of a cease-fire line on July 27, 1949, and (3)—the agreement that Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz shall be the Plebiscite Administrator;

"Considering that the resolution of the outstanding difficulties should be based upon the substantial measure of agreement on fundamental principles already reached, and that steps should be taken forthwith for the demilitarisation of the State and for the expeditious determination of its future in accordance with the freely expressed will of the inhabitants;

Demilitarisation

"The Security Council:

"(1)—Calls upon the Governments of India and Pakistan to make immediate arrangements, without prejudice to their rights or claims and with due regard to the requirements of law and order, to prepare and execute within a period of five months from the date of this resolution a programme of demilitarisation on the basis of the principles of Paragraph 2 of General MacNaughton's proposal, or of such modifications of those principles as may be mutually agreed.

"(2)—To appoint a United Nations representative for the following purposes, who shall have authority to perform his functions in such place or places as he may deem appropriate:

"(a) to assist in the preparation and to supervise the implementation of the programme of demilitarisation referred to above and to interpret the agreements reached by the parties for demilitarisation;

"(b) to place himself at the disposal of the Governments of India and Pakistan and to place before those Governments, or the Security Council, any suggestions which in his opinion, are likely to contribute to the expeditious and enduring solution of the dispute which has arisen between the two Governments in regard to the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

"(c) To exercise all of the powers and responsibilities devolving upon the United Nations Commission by reason of the existing resolutions of the Security Council and by reason of the agreement of the parties embodied in the resolutions of the United Nations Commission of August 13 1949, and January 5, 1949;

"(d) to arrange at the appropriate stage of demilitarisation for the assumption by the Plebiscite Administrator of the functions assigned to the latter under the agreements made between the parties."

Report to UN

"(e) to report to the Security Council as he may consider necessary, submitting his conclusions and any recommendations which he may desire to make.

"(3) Requests the two Governments to take all necessary precautions to ensure that their agreements regarding the cease-fire shall continue faithfully to be observed, and calls upon them to take all possible measures to ensure the creation and maintenance of an atmosphere favourable to the promotion of further negotiations.

"(4) Extends its best thanks to the members of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan and to General A. G. L. McNaughton for their arduous and fruitful labours.

"(5) Agrees that the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan shall be terminated, and decided that this shall take place one month after both parties have informed the United Nations representatives of their acceptance of the transfer to him of the powers and responsibilities of the United Nations Commission referred to in Paragraph 2 (c) above."—Reuter.

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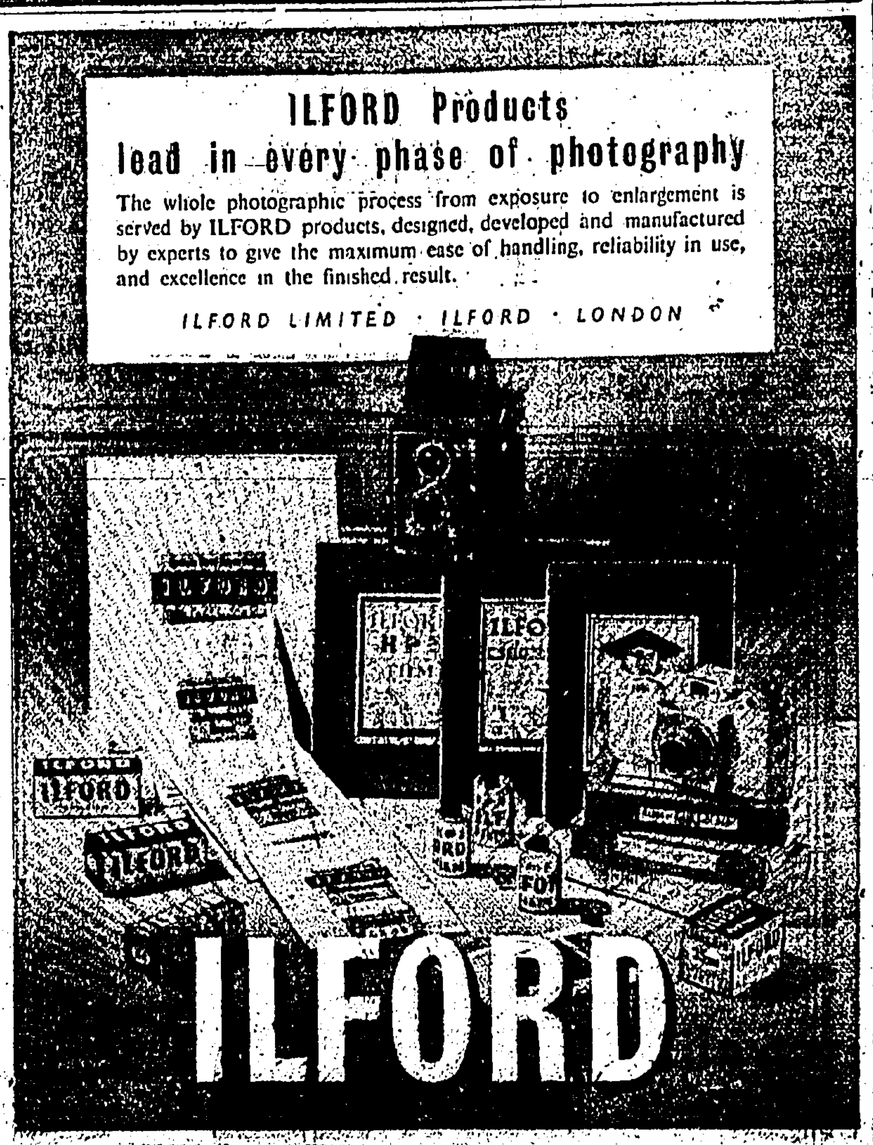

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THE BIGGER ISSUE

LI TSUNG-JEN NOT TO RESIGN POST

Lake Success, February 24.

A source close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen said today that the Acting President does not plan to resign as head of Nationalist China.

This source, who would not permit use of his name, but who is known to be in close contact with Acting President Li, also said that telegrams received by General Li from Taiwan indicate that rumours of a political crisis there are disappearing.

There have been reports from Taiwan of demands for the impeachment of the acting President, who has been in New York since last autumn for surgical treatment.

This development came as Ales Bebler, Deputy Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia and member of the Security Council, called on the Secretary-General, Trygve Lie, to circulate to U. N. members Communist China's demands for its delegates to be seated in the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council.

Mr Lie agreed to send the documents to all U.N. members as demands sponsored by Yugoslavia, which has recognised the Red regime.

The comment on reports and rumours from Taiwan was answered by the reliable informant as follows:

Will return

"A source close to Acting President Li Tsung-jen denies the report that he is going to resign. This source adds that telegrams received by Acting President Li from Taiwan indicate that rumours of a political crisis are now disappearing and the general situation in the political circles and in the Kuomintang on the island are satisfactory in contrast to the reported trouble, which may have been started by certain members of the Kuomintang."

There is no indication here of when Acting President Li will return to his post in Taiwan but the best information available in Chinese circles here is that he plans definitely to go back and start serving again as Acting President.

The comment here came after a Cabinet Minister in Taiwan, who would not permit use of his name, said that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will resume the Presidency of China within the next two weeks.

This official also had said a settlement of the Presidential question is in the making and predicted that Acting President Li will resign to allow Chiang to resume the Presidency.—Associated Press.

Election produces crisis in Britain

(Continued From Page 18)

With 428 of the 434 nominally comparable seats available, gains and losses were as follows:

Labour gained 10, lost 60; Conservatives gained 55, lost 5; Liberals gained 3, lost 3; Communists gained nil, lost two.

The strangest British election known produced a crop of odd records. These were:

(1) Never before has the poll been so high.

(2) Never before have there been so many candidates —1,668.

(3) Never before have so many deposits—amounting to well over £60,000—been lost.

(4) Never before has the result been in doubt for so long.

(5) And rarely before has a political situation after an Election presented so many headaches to the politicians.

Meetings between Labour leaders and officers, were held at Transport House, the Labour Party headquarters, tonight.

Meanwhile, at Tory headquarters Mr. Churchill and his campaign manager, Lord Woolton, went into conference on the critical Election result.—Reuter and United Press.

Fire on Beni liner at sea

The Hague, February 24.

The 6,000-ton British cargo ship Benledi, bound for Hong Kong and Japan, caught fire and was abandoned early today in the Mediterranean, according to a radio message received here.

Two lifeboats with survivors from the Benledi were picked up by the British steamer, Liberty, the message added.

The Benledi's crew of about 50 British and Chinese had taken to their boats East of Malta, it was stated.—Reuter.

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Adolf Beck clambered painfully back on to the wooden platform of those cruel revolving stairs that for seven heart-breaking years led nowhere.....

Yet he was truthfully an innocent man, and he had indeed never been to gaol before!

He fled

The nightmare that had happened to Adolf Beck might have happened, 50 years ago, to your own father, to any man walking in a street, during that year of the Boer War.

Adolf Beck, in topper and fashionable cutaway coat, had just descended the steps of his lodgings in Victoria-street, London.

"So, it's you, you scoundrel!" a hard, female voice shrilled in his ear.

A buxom, scented, panting woman was glaring up at him. "I—I beg your pardon, madame—I, er...." Mr. Beck backed away. She followed, brandishing her umbrella.

"You give me back my jewels, you thief!" She swung her umbrella like a battle-axe.

With a cry, Mr. Beck took to his well-polished heels. The woman chased him....and 10 minutes later they were both in Rochester-row police station.

She identified Adolf Beck as the man who had fraudulently persuaded her to hand over her jewels.

He was put, protesting, into a cell. The sergeant spoke soothingly. "At least a dozen other ladies have reported an identical swindle, sir! So if this one," he jerked his thumb confidentially, "is barmy the rest of them won't be."

Comforted, Adolf Beck waited, twirling his grey moustache, while the police located the other women....then lined him up for an identification parade. To his horror, all but two of the 12 ladies recognised him! One tried to scratch his eyes out.

To an old retired policeman that night, while Adolf Beck lay sleepless in a cell, the sergeant discussed his capture.

The veteran mused over his pot of ale. "I had a swindler just like that in 1877—20 years or so ago," he said. "Name of Smith, John Smith."

The sergeant grinned. "Unusual name," he said sarcastically. "But call in to-morrow and see if this is the same bloke."

The retired policeman did. "That's him!" he said. The records were turned up. Certain letters of John Smith, used at his trial, were produced. These were matched with letters written to the 12 swindled ladies, offering them jobs as housekeepers to the Earl of Winton. The technique was the same. The handwriting was the same. "Here," said a detective-inspector (descendant by one generation of the original 12 plain-clothes policemen against whom there had been such an outcry in 1883), "lets see a sample of your handwriting, Beck."

Hopefully, Adolf wrote out a copy of one of the incriminating letters.

Cry from dock

"Yes," said a handwriting expert, "these original letters, are in disguised hand. But this—he pointed to Beck's effort—"is the normal handwriting of the man who wrote those letters."

Officialdom nodded its head. "The recorded description of John Smith fits this man Adolf Beck, too. So there can be no mistake. They must be the same."

At the Old Bailey, Adolf Beck cried in anguish: "But I CAN'T be John Smith, if he was convicted in 1877. I was in South America in 1877. I can PROVE it!"

He could have done, too. But the judge, Sir Forrest Fulton, who wished to be quite fair, adjusted his long wig and frowned. "The prisoner is not being charged with anything that may have happened in 1877," he said dryly, and glared at the jurymen. "You will dismiss it from your minds."

Sir Forrest was the very counsel who had prosecuted John Smith in 1877, and he, too, thought he recognised the prisoner. So he was painfully anxious the fellow should get a fair trial, with no talk of previous offences before the jury gave its verdict.

The jury found Adolf guilty. Sir Forrest shrugged. "You've not learned your lesson," he said. And he sentenced Beck to seven years!

Then his solicitor, Mr. Dutton, had a brilliant thought. John Smith, while in prison, had applied to change his religion from Christian to Jew, and produced proof of his Hebrew faith.

"That does it!" said Mr. Dutton. Triumphantly he petitioned the Home Office. Some senior civil servant got the file out.

"Ah-ch?—oh! I see....well," he scratched his chin. "It's perfectly simple," he said. "This fellow Beck isn't this fellow Smith. Very well, give this fellow Beck a first offender's number, and let's hear no more about it!"

So it was done. And that was all the satisfaction Beck got. When his sentence was served, he was released.

Too tired and broken even to be indignant, Beck tried to resume his old life. Three years later he was arrested again—the swindles had recommenced!

A new set of women victims identified him. But this time he raved his innocence with such agonised despair that even the judge—this time, Mr. Justice Grantham—blinked. He postponed sentence, to think things over.

And during that week the criminal John Smith was caught pawning some of the jewels Beck was accused of thieving!

£5,000 pardon

Beck finally got the King's Pardon, and £5,000. Wicked John Smith got five years—and his old prison number back.

The thing to remember—and marvel at—is this horror came to Adolf Beck, despite the fact that everybody, from police to Judge to Home office, was trying to be fair.

But it happened 50 years ago, while law and crime-prevention were still comparatively crude tools in the hands of well-meaning men.

It could not happen to-day.

For when Colonel Sir Edward Richard Henry strode into New Scotland Yard as Commissioner in 1903, science came to the Metropolitan Police Force. He fitted that startling novelty, the telephone. Most important of all, he believed in laboratories, microscopes, detective schools—and in fingerprints!

It took two more years before the law-courts would listen to evidence about fingerprints.

To-day, the story of Adolf Beck would happen like this:

A white light winks in Scotland Yard's information room. Somebody is dialling 999. "There's a man being chased down Victoria-street by a woman shouting 'Stop thief.'"

On a large table behind the policeman scribbling this message lies an operations map of London. A red square is near the Victoria Palace. That indicates the latest position of a "Q car" containing plain clothes driver, radio operator, detective-sergeant.

The check-up

From the dashboard a crackle, when a radio voice announces: "N2SY calling 5G....disturbance in Victoria-street....SI45 (investigate.)"

By the time a passer-by has seized Adolph Beck, a black 18 hp car has slid to a halt at the kerb.

Beck and his woman accuser are whisked discreetly to the police station.

The woman makes her heated accusations. Beck begins his white-lipped protests.

A detective-officer is called from the C.I.D. office. He takes over.

A short statement from the complainant. Beck would then be seen by the detective. "I understand you have been given into custody for stealing jewellery by a trick and that you deny the offence." Beck is cautioned. He is unable to put up an alibi, but he protests his innocence. "I'm sorry, but you will have to be detained here while enquiries are made."

The detective picks up the telephone "C.R.O., please". He is put through to the Criminal Record Office, where 2,750,000 names of criminals, including aliases, are on file.

Briefly he gives details.

"Method of larceny-by-trick as described in recent copies of "Police Gazette." Man detained answers description of John Smith, C.R.O. No. ...." (He gives file number of ex-convict named Smith who was imprisoned 20 years ago for offences of this type, now reported as re-occurring in the London area).

The C.R.O. officer replies: "Nothing here under Beck, nothing known of address given. General description of Smith answers your description of Beck. I will send you photograph."

Saved by prints

Within half-an-hour the detective is looking at the photograph and solemnly studying Adolf Beck. Although old, a striking likeness. The Descriptive Form, nothing outstanding, no record of an officer to whom Beck is personally known, no scars, marks, deformities, tattoo marks.

Beck speaks: "I presume as you are looking at a photograph it is of a convicted man. I have never been convicted of any offence in my life." (A police officer's job is not to accept a charge from anyone who chooses to make one. He must satisfy himself that an offence has been committed—that it is an offence for which a charge can be preferred, and that the accused person on the facts before him, committed the offence.)

The detective is not satisfied. The complainant is seen again, and the photograph of Smith shown to her amongst nine others. She immediately picks the photograph of Smith out. The officer then sees Beck again.

"You say, Mr. Beck, that you have never been convicted and you strongly deny the offence which is now alleged against you?" "I do, emphatically." "Have you any objection to your fingerprints being taken?" "Certainly not," then apprehensively: "But suppose this fellow's fingerprints are as like mine as apparently the photograph is like me?"

The fingerprints are whisked off to the Fingerprint Bureau in a TAG patrol car, and the officer reassures Mr. Beck. "Not a chance of that. There were clear fingerprints upon your hands three months before you were born. Nothing you do in life can destroy them. And no two fingerprints are ever the same, not even on the fingers of one hand, nor of twin-brothers."

Mr. Beck is much relieved. He is more relieved when the Fingerprint Bureau report: "Not the same man."

All mapped out

The officer, if he is a diplomat—and most officers learn to be diplomats—will assure the woman accuser that Mr. Adolf Beck is NOT the man she saw in the photograph.

"But don't worry," he might say. "A description of all your stolen jewellery, and that of other ladies who have complained, has been circulated to every pawnbroker and second-hand dealer in Great Britain."

He might take Mr. Beck and his now-subdued woman accuser into the Map Room, to display where a careful map is being maintained of the crimes of John Smith. It will show the addresses of each of the women he visited with his false tale. Different coloured flags will show the postmarks of the letters he sent them.

More flags will indicate pawnshops, etc., where jewellery has been traced....and at all districts on the map where there appears to be a centre of activity, each police officer and detective will be carrying a copy of John Smith's photo and description.

Mr. Beck might permit himself a smile, "I think I shall stay away from those districts for a while," and the sergeant might well smile in agreement.

For after all, the police are human, too!

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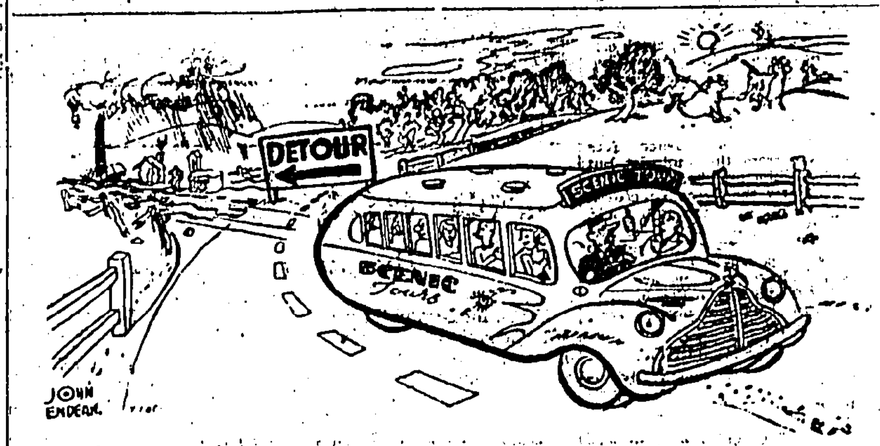

"The views you have just seen are not necessarily those of this company!"

Nothing to lose but their chains

By Ralph Hewins

On paper it looks a pretty nerve-racking situation for 4,000,000 Finns to live alongside about 200,000,000 Russians.

Six hours from Helsinki, down the main road, is Leningrad, second city of the Soviet Union, and the main Russian naval base at Kronstadt. From there the Finnish capital could be occupied mechanically without the Finns having the slightest chance of offering more than the flimsiest resistance.

One hour Southward are the sister republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, which the Russians have nakedly annexed, liquidated opponents, and built a fortified zone. So ever-ready paratroops could swoop on Finland at a moment's notice.

Soviet guns face Helsinki

Ten minutes' drive from Helsinki is Porkala Peninsula, where the finest summer villas, yachting clubs and market gardens were situated before the war. Now Porkkala is a sealed Soviet base with heavy artillery permanently trained on this city, where I am now writing.

For 750 miles along the Eastern frontier Russia and Finland are adjacent. In fact, Finland is wide open. For the Finnish armed forces, which held the Red Army at bay alone for 100 days in 1939-40 and from June, 1941 to September, 1944, with little more than German moral backing, are now limited to 41,000 men and no heavy equipment.

Do not therefore set much store on reports of Russian troop concentrations on Finland's border. No such troop concentrations are necessary if Russia determines to flout 30 years' Bolshevik propaganda and world opinion by occupying Finland. Those reports are Kremlin manufactured. They leave the Finns unmoved.

The Finns just laughed

Nor are Finns moved by never-ending Soviet Press and radio abuse or by regular fulminations by visiting cultural, trade and military delegates.

When Russians argue that the winter war of 1939-40 was a Finnish aggression, although the whole world knew that Finland was blatantly invaded, Finns just laughed. Finns were hurt when a Russian recently accused them of chauvinism for inscribing "Pro Patria" on graves of the fallen, but they were not alarmed.

Although President Paasikivi has been condemned as a banker, reactionary, tool of Western imperialism and so on, since November, the Finns gave him a thumping majority in the recent first stage of the Presidential election instead of dropping him like a hot brick.

Although a Finnish trade delegation has been kicking its heels in Moscow for three months and Russia has become the Finns biggest customer after Britain, Helsinki carries on business as usual.

Indeed the local Press states boldly: "It costs us £13,000 a month to keep our delegation in Moscow. Our trade minister and head of our commercial department would be better employed at home. Bring all the delegation back except a contact man."

The Russians are furious

The danger is not that the Finns will cave in to Soviet propaganda but that they will become too indifferent and do something stupidly provocative. Already they have given up printing anything but the clumsiest Russian propaganda—much to the fury of the Russians.

Nor is there danger of Finland falling to a coup by local Communists like Czechoslovakia. Reds have been winkled out of the Government. The police have been purged. Only a fifth of the electorate recently voted Red. Without outside military assistance the local Reds could not seize control.

This was proved in the Russo-Finnish mutual assistance pact crisis in February-April 1948 and in the widespread unofficial strikes last autumn.

The President is too experienced to be undermined and has learned during 30 years' negotiations with Stalin how to keep cool. The people are too pawky and too sane to be led astray by agitators.

The Social democrats are too well organised and have done too well for the proletariat or trade unions to be captured en bloc by the Reds. The bourgeois parties have too much common sense and moderation to try and twist the workers' tails.

In fact, a minority Social democrat Government has been kept in office 18 months by the Right and Centre.

Militarily, politically and culturally Finns feel superior to Russians. Finns do not consciously stiffen their upper lips under Russian pressure. Stiff lips are second nature.

Although Leningrad is so near, Finland belongs to another world—the free world of individualism and Western democracy. The iron curtain is at hand, but it casts no shadow. Apart from the noisy Communists minority the Finns turn a blind eye Eastwards and react to Moscow prodding only when it becomes a nuisance.

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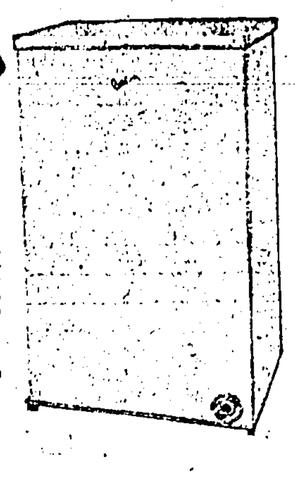

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE GERMANS

By Anthony Terry

With shops overflowing and prices falling under a system of free enterprise which justifies the praise heaped on it by Chancellor Adenauer, Germany is facing economic trouble.

Forty-eight million Germans are not inclined to take the warnings of America's Marshall Aid experts very seriously, while unlimited eggs are 2½d. each and beef, mutton and pork are plentiful in every butcher's shop at 2s. 1d. to 2s. 7d. per lb.

But the warnings that Germany is "eating her Marshall Aid" are beginning to have effect with the Bonn Government, which is unwillingly working out an austerity imports plan for next year.

U.S. financial experts do not want to interfere with Europe's best-working model of successful free enterprise, and yet they cannot ignore figures which show that the Germans are not ploughing enough back into business.

Prices slashed

But with the shadow of 1952 and the end of Marshall Aid coming nearer, Chancellor Adenauer is doubtful if he can afford to allow things to go on as they are doing.

As food becomes more plentiful Germany's unemployment tops the 2,000,000 mark, and the first January sales since the war, with goods really back to pre-war quality, have left German women gasping.

Shopkeepers were so anxious to empty their shops of out-of-fashion stocks that they slashed prices by anything up to 70 per cent.

The 1950 German girl wants nylons, new-length dresses, and Paris models. Haustrauly fashions are out.

Better off

Are people really starving side by side with luxury in Germany today?

The answer is that one thing is certain: Germans of all classes are living better today than at any time since the war, and in many cases better than in the days of 1936, when Goering started his "guns before butter" austerity.

To the average German it was no sensation when the Bonn Government announced that rationing would cease. No German has been bothering about rationing and ration-cards for nearly a year.

Obedient and unquestioning Germans went on collecting and using their ration-cards under a topsy-turvy system whereby ration prices were sometimes higher than prices on the free market.

When the High Commissioners pulled Dr. Adenauer up for exceeding his authority in abolishing rationing Germans thought, "The British don't want us to de-ration before the elections because a non-austerity Germany overflowing with cheap food and petrol will spoil the chances of the Labour Government"—and they said so openly.

British prestige suffered and the myth that Britain is Germany's bitter economic foe was strengthened.

Of course, the 2,000,000 unemployed do not fare too well. Unemployment benefit is just enough to keep the wolf from the door with food prices at their present levels. A single man getting £3 10s. a week when employed draws the equivalent of £1 15s. 2d. benefit. For a married man with two children the benefit rises to £2. 5s. 9d. A single man earning £3 a week at work draws £1.17s. 5d. in benefit. A married man with two children £2 14s. 4d.

In most cases unemployment insurance also allows an additional grant towards rent of 15s. 4d. a week. Benefit is paid for 26 weeks and then the unemployed person is taken over by the public assistance, who impose a means test.

But wage and dole figures are of course not exactly comparable in value with British figures.

Lower rents

Rent for the average German living in the suburb of a small town in West Germany varies between 10s. and £1 a week for two rooms. In Berlin and other big cities rents are slightly higher.

In badly-bombed towns many people pay much less, a room being shared between two and three persons.

On the whole, rents are much lower than in Britain.

A single man earning £3. 10s. a week pays 3s. 9d. tax and 7s. health and unemployment insurance weekly. A married man with two children pays no tax and insurance is still 7s a week.

With a weekly wage of £5, taxes amount to 9s. and insurance 10s. for the single man, and tax 2s. 5d. and insurance 10s. for the married man with two children.

The bachelor earning £8 a week in Germany pays 25s. 6d. tax and 16s. 4d. insurance. A married man with two children pays 9s. 10d. tax and 16s. 4d. insurance.

There is no compulsory health and unemployment insurance for Germans earning over £50 a month.

A single man earning £80 a month in Germany pays £26 a month in taxes. For a married man with two children the tax drops to £19.

Output soars

The greatest success of the free enterprise system and the relaxation of controls has been the steep rise of production which has followed.

A relatively small amount of extra meat for the miners, for instance, resulted in a lot more coal.

Germany, who lives on her home-grown meat production, has now enough to give every German 18 ounces of meat a week—30 per cent more than last year.

In almost every branch of industry output is going up and up.

Germans, who at heart are sick and tired of controls, are willing to work hard for what they can get in the way of easier life.

Less encouraging are the efforts to break into the dollar export market. Germany did record export business in December, but not enough to countries which supply her with essential productions.

The biggest asset in the battle for a place in the world's markets is the German's eagerness to work a lot harder than the average Briton.

Ample petrol

Using a technique which has served well after two world wars, German politicians are squeezing out crocodile tears about the 8,000,000 refugees from East Germany. But unkind statistics show that very little is being done for the refugees, who are becoming easy prey to tub-thumping neo-Nazis, who promise the return of lost homes.

The Americans, whose open purse has begun to close, are looking a little more closely into the figures submitted by the Adenauer Government recently in well-phrased and almost convincing arguments for foreign investments. Not all stood up to examination.

It is not easy for the Americans to take German complaints seriously when tens of thousands of private cars joy-ride around Germany every day and the Bonn Government is trying to take petrol off the ration.

No one denies that petrol can come off the ration tomorrow. Most German garages will today sell any amount of motor fuel for between 6s. and 10s. a gallon.

Illogically, the German Government will take licence fees and taxes from the motorist but not allow him any "basic."

Up to now the private motorist who has stuck to the law could not travel a yard. But the authorities closed an official eye to the sale of petrol at almost every pump, and so Germans are asking, "Why did the Allies have to put down their foot about petrol derationing?"

"In their blood"

Interesting psychologically is the effect on the average German of the lifting of controls. He reacts at once—by increasing output. This is the strongest argument which Chancellor Adenauer has in his talks with Allied experts over the rationing problem.

There seems to be no doubt that rationing will be "off" in Germany altogether before long despite initial Allied objections, simply because the Germans have shown quite clearly that they are prepared to repay every lifting of restrictions, controls and rationing with increased output.

As a German politician said the other day: "The British have austerity in their blood, but what may be good for them is not good for us. We have found austerity only lowers output."

"Nurse, will you come here a moment—I want you to take my temperature!"

BIG EATS

Impressions of middle-class Germany—today—from a housewife's point of view—are provided by Rachel Terry.

First, the question of food. After years of "Guns before Butter," the Germans are now gorging themselves on endless supplies of meat, eggs, rich cakes and sweets and chocolate. No ration cards are needed, and typical prices in Berlin are: Fish 1/4 to 2/- lb.; rice, 2/6 lb.; butter 4/- lb.; two good steaks 5/10; chicken, pork or your favourite cut of meat, 5/- lb.; and eggs, 5d. to 7d. each.

After food, come the other all-important items in the German cost-of-living index. A family living in a "comfortable" home spends an average of £5 a week on rent, heating and lighting. For £3 a week, however—due to the flood of refugees from the east—the same family can hire a full-time professional cook, who, besides cooking, will do everything a housemaid ever did in British—and, more.

Rather than pay for the extra help in the house, however, the Germans in Berlin today prefer to spend their money on food and new clothes. In fact, apart from the question of food, they would rather spend their money on clothes than on anything else.

Since the beginning of the war the average Germany's wardrobe has been almost completely neglected, and until very recently, it was thought impossible both to eat and dress well in Berlin—unless in the Black Market. Eating was vital. Now, however, thanks to Western aid, the German man-in-the-street is apparently once again becoming conscious of his appearance.

No angel, but...

By Sarah Langton

Is the modern child selfish? All through history children have not been "what they were in our young days."

But experts deny that today's youngster is a whit more selfish than the young Victorians, those apparent angels in Fauntleroy suitings!

It was a mother who first brought the subject up: "I think people spend far too much time looking at the faults of our young generation, and forget their good points," she said. "Take, for example, the case of my own family.

"My daughter is an outstanding ballroom dancer, and the boy wants to learn, too. They plan to enter competitions together, but the only time they can go to classes is Sunday morning. But do they leave Mother and Father to do those jobs, such as vegetable cleaning and washing up, which they have always done on Sundays?

"Not a bit—the children get up early and do them all. And in addition they have started bringing us breakfast in bed."

Self-reflection

Adults who accuse youngsters of selfishness are usually reflecting a characteristic in their own make-up, says Dr. A. M. Torrie, of the National Association for Mental Health.

The adolescent is adrift in the choppy waters between childhood and adulthood. It is a time of strain and stress, and what appears to be selfishness is the pathetic struggle to adjust himself to another way of living.

He is acting the part, despite an inner fear of adult life, and he experiences a great urge to get away from those who know him as a child.

So, for a while, he becomes awkward and difficult with his family, and seeks solace with friends outside—and is branded because, maybe, he forgot to mend the radio or help with washing-up!

But the good mother lets the lad flounder about and learn by his mistakes. She knows he is not genuinely selfish, and goes on loving him and being his safe harbour when he meets trouble.

"I see no lessening of the team spirit," Dr. Torrie told me. "In fact there are more team games than 40 or 50 years ago, and the selfish child cannot play as a member of a team because he cannot submerge his personality to it.

"I think the boy of 17 or 18 is more unselfish in his general attitude than when he is older, a married man with a family, and has to adopt a kind of 'selfishness' for their sake."

And a point we should remember in judging the present day child is that a lot of the apparent unselfishness of his Victorian counterpart was due to an ever-present fear of corporal retribution if he did not spring to the door and open it for Grandma!

We have no proof that our parents and forefathers were blue-eyed, beribboned paragons and that today's youth is anti-social and self-interested by comparison.

Up to adults

Instead, it seems that we grown-ups are often the sinners by our selfish lack of understanding and frequently bad example.

Can we accuse a child of selfishness for sitting solidly in a bus seat while women stand if he sees a dozen grown men committing the same offence? Of course we cannot, and it is up to the adult world to mend its manners.

Rationed by price

When rationing ended in Italy last year, the final item to be freed was bread.

Today, six months later, the working classes in Italy have neither more nor less food on their tables, for prices of rationed goods such as oil and sugar were always high, and although they have not gone higher they certainly have not dropped since rationing ended.

Prices have been fairly stable for nearly a year now, and as higher wages in industry and agriculture are out of the question with the limited export markets, the shops are still crammed with food which the poor cannot afford to buy.

To the "poor" Italian, however, the sight of "plenty" in the shops is a customary one, for he has always been—and still is—content with very little to eat. Given his dish of spaghetti twice a day and a little wine and cheese, he worries little about what other people are eating.

A meat dish is a delicacy in a poor Italian home, and succulent steaks are only, as always, for the tourist or the rich.

For this reason the poorest classes in Italy are probably finding the struggle to live as hard as their counterparts find it in other countries in Europe—except that the Italians are used to it.

NOTHING TO LOSE BUT THEIR CHAINS

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Their press is factual. Their few personal relations with Soviet officials are correct. After too many drinks a Finn may boast of his exploits in the recent wars with Russia, but this tendency is giving way to a quiet determination to take to guerilla warfare in the endless rocky lake strewn forests should Russia make so bold as to occupy this wilderness which is larger than Great Britain.

"Ultimately our fate depends on the development of the world situation," the Finns console themselves. In case the worst comes to the worst everybody seems to be learning English, from Cabinet Ministers and editors down to schoolchildren for whom Shakespeare's language has now supplanted German.

Mysticism, more than materialism, has long been the bulwark of the Finnish race. But still a miraculous improvement in material conditions has helped enormously to tide the population through recent trials.

Apart from coffee, everything is ration-free and abundant. Steaks are usually too big to be eaten at one sitting.

There is caviare by the ton. The roads teem with British cars and petrol is unlimited. Textiles are pouring in.

Small wonder this thriving outpost of Western civilisation sometimes irritates neighbouring Russians and fills Finns with self-esteem.

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NEW YORK LETTER

The early Americans treasured the scalps of their enemies as emblems of success.

Present-day New York is still a jungle, though of a different kind, and the recognised trophies of survival are the mink coat, the Cadillac, and tickets for "South Pacific."

You must see "South Pacific" if you wish to gain the esteem of your next-door neighbour, win friends and influence people and accomplish the other objects so dearly coveted by Manhattan society.

There are methods of getting to see it, but buying a ticket at the box office is certainly not one of them—unless you are prepared to wait till next August.

The pleasantest and by far the most expensive way is to support a fine cause and have a good night out at the same time by paying 200 dollars into the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund which entitles you to "orchestra" seats (they don't call them stalls) specially reserved for such benefactors.

Black markets

If this is more than you can afford there are still the First and Third Class Black Markets. In the First Class Black Market a ticket will cost you 60 dollars, and you can obtain it with a minimum of effort.

The purchase of a ticket for 15 dollars in the Third Class Black Market depends on your knowing someone who knows someone else named Harry or Joe.

You put on your false moustache, call a mysterious telephone number, say "Catsmeat," or whatever the password of the week may be, and a ticket for "South Pacific" will be delivered to you in a plain van.

But one has to be wary. Many theatre tickets not bought from an authorised source have turned out to be counterfeits, with the infuriated purchasers arriving at the theatre to find two complete strangers smugly ensconced in "their" seats.

The word was "smugly," not "snugly" because a New York theatre seat, even an expensive one, is anything but snug.

I had a second row "orchestra" seat when I saw "Kiss Me Kate," Cole Porter's delectable frolic on "The Taming of the Shrew," yet it was shockingly uncomfortable and narrow.

The theatres themselves are not as elegant or attractive as ours; there is a dingy, cramped, old-fashioned look about them, and they certainly lack the charm of our older Shaftesbury avenue theatres like the Palace or the newer ones like the Saville.

It seems odd that, in a city where drink may be bought at all hours and one is continually exhorted by every possible means to smoke Camels and Lucky Strikes, smoking and drinking are totally prohibited in the theatres.

Interval rush

During the interval you rush madly for the foyer and a smoke and, if you are so disposed, drink a sweet, sticky orange confection out of a carton and a straw.

If there is time (and the need is sufficiently pressing) you may even slip out to a neighbouring bar, and on your way back to your seat you step neatly over a disgusting mound of cigarette stubs, a revealing symbol of that neurotic restlessness that seems to afflict the people of New York.

As in England the practice of dressing for the theatre was abandoned during the war and has not since been revived.

On your way in you are given a programme—given, mark you!—and a New York theatre programme is no flimsy leaflet, folded in two, but a complete magazine with articles, pictures, gossip, and biographical notes on all the artists.

So much for the New York theatres. What of the shows themselves?

On the whole the musical shows confirm the impression the Londoner received on seeing "Oklahoma" at Drury Lane in the early days—that, for some reason, America has no shortage of first-rate talent; that the American male singing juveniles are really male, really sing and, moreover, are really juvenile.

The shows have an incredible cast. Let us be honest; where are our mute, inglorious Cole Porters and, if they exist at all, why can't we discover them?

Production on the American stage is imaginative and tasteful, the musicians are expert musicians and beautifully trained, and the orchestrations are exceptionally pleasing.

Talent! You may go into some obscure little bar in Greenwich Village and get the surprise of your life when the attractive young lady who has brought you a bottle of sauterne is to be seen half an hour later at the piano singing the latest Richard Rodgers and Irving Berlin show tunes with a skill and artistry that would make any of our established radio crooners hide their heads.

Living in hope

"Don't break your heart over these people," says your drinking companion if he is a hardened New Yorker.

"America is full of kids who can play and sing like nobody's business; they just take a job, serving at the bar and doing a little singing when the evening warms up.

"They hope that one night Oscar Hammerstein or Lee Shubert will stroll in and discover them."

The Rev. John Hooper, of Fordham University, New York, rose to his feet to deliver the Invocation at the annual dinner of the Sheriff's Jury, at the Biltmore Hotel. Discarding convention, he said quite simply: "Dear Lord, bless us in the face of the hydrogen bomb."

This was an expression of America's stunned reaction to a month of titanic events. There is here a feeling of helplessness in the presence of the unknown, a sensation of groping in the dark. The mechanics of the twentieth century, seemingly appalled by the consequences of their own science, are wondering where they are to put their trust.

There is a lot of subway patter, talk of houses in the country and so on, and the fashion models of Lord and Taylor's wondered if autumn colours would be sombre.

Comment

The politicians, the scientists, the theologians are answering to their consciences and their solutions varied from that of Harold Russell, the handless actor, of "The Best Years Of Our Lives," who said, "It had to be," to Cornell University's physicist Frans Bethe, who said, "No matter how righteous its cause, no nation has the right to use such a bomb."

A calm and cool analysts showed that President Truman's historic pronouncement was intended as exactly that, and that actual work on the bomb had been going on, was going on, and would continue—with no time to spare for talk in the White House.

Then came the awful shock that information, calculated to be or which might indirectly or directly be useful to an enemy is alleged to have leaked from the highest-level hydrogen bomb research.

As members of the Atomic Energy Committee in Washington heard General Groves, the head of the wartime atomic bomb project, and Edgar Hoover, the Director of the FBI tell the story, it was possible to feel the future's shadow.

Meanwhile Congressmen from Iowa farmlands and scientists from California's universities, soldiers from West Point, and diplomats, statesmen, men of trust, took an inventory of secrets allegedly lost and secrets remaining, and assessed their ability to comprehend forces far bigger than they.

Seventh report

And the drugstore salesmen in Brooklyn, the shop girl in Dallas, the boot blacks in Kansas City, the cleaners, the housewives, the insurance clerks, all gave thanks that the decisions were not theirs. In a mingled emotion of helplessness, fatalism and faith they went to their churches to pray for the deciders and for their children.

Lost somewhere in the past seven days was the seventh semi-annual report of the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. David Lilienthal, retiring Commissioner, in an inferred defence of the democratic tradition of letting the people know something of what was going on, said the publication of the report was the most remarkable thing about it.

As it happened the news of the developing hydrogen bomb and its probable capture by the Russians made the report anti-climatic reading. But the bemused Americans did have the opportunity of learning that the old Atom Bombs were now on a production basis and that the old-style laboratory job was part of the dead half-century.

But its details seemed to me so top secret in their implication that they should not have been published at all. Besides the American people, the Russians were also able to read from a printed official document that, "In 1949 there was, in effect...a change-over from what might be called a laboratory operation, stemming from the custom-built nature of the original bombs, to a system in which the product as well as the facilities, equipment and production techniques have been designed and engineered with a view to faster and more efficient production."

This process, the report adds, was virtually completed before the new half-century began.

If war came

Secondly, the Russians were told directly that "a strategically important dispersal of the production facilities had been effected, thus reducing the vulnerability of the weapon production in the event of war."

Thirdly, the Russians were told: "New facilities for making feed materials and fissionable materials went into operation during 1949. The output of fissionable materials set up new records. Basic processes for improving chemical separation of fissionable materials from fission products were worked out...construction was started on facilities."

Tests to come

Fourthly: "Atomic Energy Commission activities...were co-ordinated more closely with military activities and military training. A series of tests will be carried out. A task force has been formed."

Fifthly: "3,860 square miles of territory on the Colorado plateau have been mapped, and radiometric traverses totalling 28,000 miles have been made...in a nation-wide hunt for uranium bearing ores. The future supply (of uranium) will be adequate for the programme...."

Sixthly: "1,250 scientists are doing research in various...atomic fields, and progress is being made in the development of nuclear reactors (machines to put atomic energy to work under controlled conditions)."

Defences alert

And lastly, and appallingly, the report states clearly, in print, that extensive experimentation has already been under way with hydrogen AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, and elsewhere..."sometimes (with hydrogen) as a pure gas, sometimes in a solid substance such as paraffin."

The U.S. Air Force followed President Truman's hydrogen-bomb announcement with the release that aerial guard lines, backed by jet-fighters and ack-ack concentrations, were being set up around the nation's three main atomic plants. But Los Alamos, New Mexico, where (everyone knows) they assemble the atomic bombs, three squadrons of 700 m.p.h. jets with full service loads of ammunition, were on a 24-hour alert. All planes approaching the area would be challenged.

Why bother?

But it was asked in Washington why potential spies need bother risking their necks when so much could be learned from official documents.

After all, the world's first news that the U.S. was considering the construction of a hydrogen bomb was obligingly provided by a Senator on a perfectly open, perfectly public television programme.

"Better shake it up and have another one—the chill's starting to go off it!"

Bigamy is booming in Britain

By Christian Peterson

Britain is the most bigamous country in Europe. Today there are twice as many bigamous marriages as there were before the war.

It is easier to commit bigamy than it is to cross Picadilly-circus at rush-hour. But it is harder to uncover it than any other crime.

All the rules and regulations, files and dossiers of 1950-Britain are not enough to expose the bigamist. Only the careless word, the dropped letter, the suspicion of a woman, is likely to lead him to the dock of an Assize Court.

The chances against being found out, according to semi-official estimates, are between 20 and 50 to 1. It is believed that for every bigamy case which comes to light, there are at least 20 which remain undiscovered.

But can the law find a bigamist? (And bigamy is an indictable crime, carrying a maximum penalty of seven years' imprisonment.)

New index plan

In Somerset House, resting place of the details of Britain's marriages, no automatic routine effort is made to match details of current marriages with those which have gone before. Says the Registrar General's Office, "The system is not intended to reveal bigamies."

And so, in the archives are the clues to thousands of bigamies which have taken place as long as 60 years ago. But they are perfectly safe from discovery. Nobody will ever look at them—unless somebody becomes suspicious.

Even if the worst happens, then there is a very good chance that the case will never go to court, for the difficulties of proving bigamy to the satisfaction of a judge are great.

Is anything being done to cut down bigamy in Britain? Yes, but slowly—very, very slowly.

A plan is being discussed by experts of the Registrar General's Department. It envisages the establishment of a great index of the country's 12,000,000 families. Every family would be listed as a unit—father, mother, and children as they arrive, and cross-indexed so that it would be easy to find out what happened to them for ever afterwards.

17 cases weekly

Experts admit that the index would not throw up immediately details of existing bigamies, but as time went by bigamy would become nearer and nearer impossible.

Who commits bigamy?

Four men to every woman, and both sexes are more likely to commit it between 21 and 29, and least likely to commit it after 60. Women between 17 and 21 are six times as likely to commit it, however, than men at the same age.

What happens in the end?

The answer comes from probation officers, who told me:

"The amazing thing is that when a man goes into the dock charged with bigamy, it is usually the bigamous wife—theoretically the injured party—who stands by him, publicly announces forgiveness, and, whether he goes to prison or not, remains loyal.

"The legal wife? Usually she has nothing but contempt for the bigamist."

And so bigamy, the crime which mocks the law, goes on.

This week 17 new cases—the weekly average—will come to light and investigations will be made by the police—all because somebody became suspicious and not because the State was able to detect them.

In the background, however, are some estimates would suggest 20,000 undiscovered bigamous marriages, many of them known only to one of the bigamous partners.

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Between Ourselves

SILHOUETTE FOR 1950

By Janet Martin

In the three years since the "New Look" first dazzled the eyes of a fashion world just emerging from the bonds of Austerity, the fashionable silhouette has undergone a complete reversal.

The triangle standing upon its base—small, short bodice, wide, langish skirt—has now been turned completely upside down and stands upon its own apex. Skirts taper ever narrower from hip to hem, taper more gently to neat but unexaggerated waists. Width and fullness lie above the waistline.

To emphasise their narrow slimness, skirts are cut with a very slight peg-top effect which contrasts with the extreme narrowness at the hem. Pleats to give walking room must be as unobtrusive as possible. One deep knife pleat, one fold or wrapover panel—preferably at the back—conceal the added width.

The big difference in bodice treatment is the loose fullness, the illusion of width—not sharply, at shoulder level, but softly, at the level of elbows and upper arms.

The moulded bodice line gives way to fullness at the back, pleated, gathered and pouched, over a neatly belted waistline. Mannequins display these styles with a new walk, rounded back, hollowed chest, tummy pushed a little forward—an exaggeration which I sincerely hope will not be adopted for general use!

Attractive detail

Quite the most attractive detail of the new outline is the return of the full sleeve, so flatteringly graceful and feminine. Fullness begins at the dropped shoulder line, bells out over the elbow, narrows to a fitting cuff or band at the wrist. Every Spring Collection has its interpretation of this charming style which, in my view, will prove one of the highlights of fashion for the year.

Dorville's tweed jacket, for instance, worn over a very slim plain skirt, has wide, elbow length oversleeves gathered into deep armholes, belling over the narrow three-quarter length sleeves underneath.

Balmain shows a loose topcoat gathered into the neck beneath the collar at the back, with enormous melon-shaped sleeves shaped from many panels which taper above the elbow and again to the wrist.

The favourite dolman sleeve, cut in one with the bodice, appears again with added fullness, gathered or ruched along the top seam from shoulder to elbow, narrowing sharply to tight fitting forearm and wrist—or gathered into a band at three-quarter level and worn with long gloves.

Another sleeve style which greatly attracted me is added to an otherwise plain, tailored blouse-bodice in fine silk taffeta, with high, round neck and shoulder-wide yoke. Blouse bodice and sleeves are all gathered into the yoke, then the wide sleeves are folded at the back into a buttonned band just below the elbow, causing the material to assume sharp, pointed folds at elbow level.

Higher necklines

Width at the elbows is balanced by higher necklines, and we see more models with the high, round neck which was put into eclipse by the plunging V.

The shoulder silhouette remains softly sloping (except in the case of the classic suit), with the armhole seams often dropped below shoulder level.

Quite half the models shown have three-quarter sleeves, set off by long gloves, plain for day wear, lavishly embroidered and detailed for the evening.

And in your spring wardrobe, there is sure to be at least one immaculate tailored blouse with huge bishop sleeves and shirt cuffs complete with cuff-links.

The wide—to—narrow line featured by drop-shoulder collar and tapering skirt.

U.S. as a woman sees it

By KAY MURRAY

Believe it or not, the Age of Slavery is just around the corner.

It's only a step from the refrigerator that defrosts, the automatic dish-washer and the garage door that opens when the headlight beam strikes it, to the full scale robot slave which runs your house at the flick of a switch.

Dr. Wiener, the man who invented "cybernetics" (the science of the relationship between human and mechanical brains), thinks that robot "slaves" will be a reality within 25 years.

When I hear about "Willie," a dapper little steel fellow, invented by an Indian man, who goes through all the basic motions and in his spare time sings, dances plays the harmonica and fires a pistol, I'm quite prepared to believe it.

One American company has a 260-pound automaton who can make a speech, smoke a cigarette and count up to 10. Hundreds of miles of wires running up and down his steel spine produce this awe-inspiring result.

America isn't alone in this race for the robot.

Scotland has an electrical man who'll beat you every time in a game of noughts and crosses, and London scientists have developed a "brain" that can memorise a whole bookful of facts and play an infallible game of chess.

"Tell Henry to bring me my tea and not to forget the sugar."

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Grandpa, who used to breakfast off a small steak and a slab of apple pie, had the right idea, according to U.S. nutritionists.

The Department of Agriculture has been doing some research into the question of breakfast and its place in the scheme of things.

They take a dim view of toast and coffee, finding that the spartans (or lie-a-beds) who breakfast off coffee only suffered from "headaches, hunger, weakness and lassitude" by lunch time.

The best foundation for the day's work, they find, contains 500 calories preferably high in proteins (meat, eggs or fish). Ideally it should consist of "fruit juice, bacon and eggs, toast and coffee," a meal which, they contend, maintains a sense of well-being during the morning.

So if you get that sinking feeling around noon, try getting up a little earlier and eating some breakfast, even if the requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture seem a little Utopian in rationed Britain.

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Washington has been taking a paternal interest in other eating habits of its citizens.

In spite of high prices, it seems that, according to a report of the Bureau of Nutrition and Home Economics, they eat better now and are financially better off than they were 20 years ago, which will be news to many Americans.

The report also finds that American families are using more milk, eggs and sugar, but less meat, poultry and fish than they did before 1940, when prices were lower.

News in necklines

By Sarah Langton

As shorn heads and urchin cuts reveal throat and shoulders, necklines have become more important in this spring's fashions.

The "white pillar of the throat" the poets used to write about will rise above a deep decolletage for late afternoon and evening, and often for sunny days, too.

You'll have to be more careful to avoid faults of posture—poking head, round shoulders, and so on—than in the past.

Late day necklines plunge or boldly reveal the chest and front of shoulders in a wide, square decollete.

Old-fashioned lace, net, chiffon, broderie anglais are used to fill in deep V-necklines, which are sometimes cut right down to the waist.

Many low-cut evening dresses, straight across the front, have huge bows at either side.

But beware of the "bathing-suit top" style of blouse, illustrated below, left. Attractive on very slight figures, it can look appalling on bigger women. Boat necklines, off the shoulder, are still used for evening blouses.

Be warned

The little shawl or scarf with which our great-grandmothers used to keep draughts off the back of the neck has now been adapted to cover up the back decolletage of strapless evening dresses.

If you feel unhappy in a strapless dress you can add a very tiny narrow strap to match, or add a flesh-coloured strap so that it hardly shows. This is what Princess Margaret did with a recent Paris model.

When the sun begins to shine nothing can be more attractive than wide, white collars. White collars and cuffs always seem to come back in spring!

A good trick for quick-changing these lingerie touches (which must, above all, be starched and spotless) is to attach them to the dress with patent fasteners inside the neckline.

Quite a few of the new dresses have necklines in a moderate "V" tied in a soft bow.

But if you want to look absolutely up to date in the afternoon or evening you must wear your dress low-cut in front.

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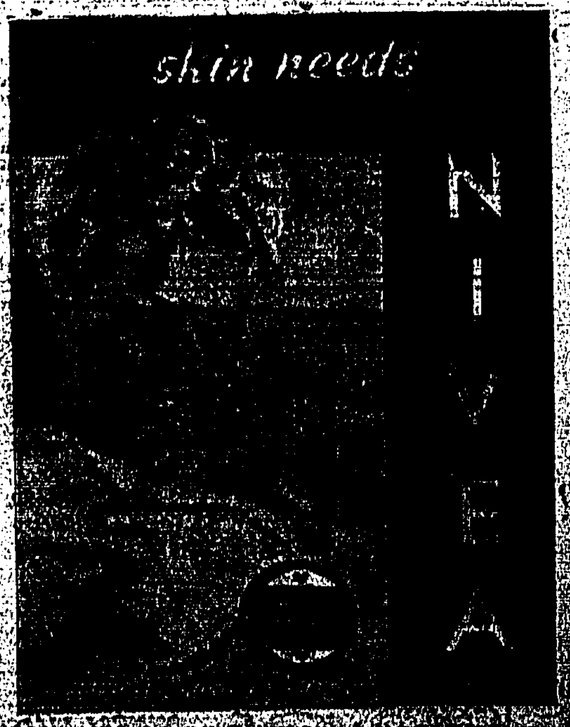

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Between Ourselves

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MORE THAN ONE MAKE-UP

By Claudia

This it to be a year of many make-ups. After a long return to the strictly natural effect, we now sense a growing feeling for experiment—in new colour combinations, new harmonies and contrasts, new links with fashion.

"Natural" make-up is still the basis, the clear, fresh, not-too-obtrusive tinting which gently accents the natural, every-day You. This is your stand-by, the make-up which, because it is chosen for you and not for fashion, is always right.

There are variations, of course, the lighter foundations for the evening, the deeper lipstick tints, the lighter application for out-of-doors, the slightly heavier make-up for social occasions. But these are all variations on your own personal colour scheme.

Now come the new "Fashion" shades, with undertones of orange and blue more subtle than before, to accent the colour scheme of your ensemble.

Your make-up this year can be fresh and natural; tinted with a golden glow or underlined with a hint of blue, and you, whatever your basic colouring, can choose from a dozen tones the ones which will be becoming to you.

Must be clear

With the drab shades which are still fashion news, make-up must be clear rather than colourful. Use your "natural" make-up—warm tinted foundation, clear reds and fresh pinks—and always a touch of rouge. Your skin must bloom like a flower against the neutral backgrounds of your mochas, taupes and greys.

The coming colour combination of black with pink calls for your freshest make-up too, for rose tints on your cheeks and clear reds on your lips, lighter or darker according to your own colouring, but always the straightforward shades, without undertones.

Now take the orange tones which are worn with all the yellow-toned reds, with light greys, with greens, and which are especially good with the chic partnership of bright brown and black. For the fair, blonde skin, choose a creamy-beige foundation, coral rouge, light carnation or vermilion lipstick and a trace of soft green eyeshadow.

Medium skins need a honey-beige foundation, coral or flame rouge and geranium or laquer-red lipstick, with a little green or brown eye-shadow.

For darker skins there are lovely deep lipstick shades based on the burnt orange tones—garnet, deep tans, carnelian reds. With these, the foundation should be amber-gold and shadow usually brown.

A delicate tint

Then the blue-reds. The blue is just a delicate tint—nothing so outspoken as those livid purples and glaring cyclamens we suffered before. These are worn with pastel blues, pinks, greys, with violet, navy and, for a change, with black, and best of all with black-and-bright-blue.

Choose your shades to tone with your skin—blush pinks and soft cyclamens for the fair, fuchsias, raspberry tones, deep bluish crimsons for darker skins. Foundations should be creamy-pink or rose-peach, eyeshadow blue or grey.

A third fashion make-up capitalises on the lovely deep lipstick tones, both the deep-with-orange and the deep-with-blue. These are worn with sophisticated clothes, against unrouged skin and creamy pale foundation—striking, but a long, long way thank goodness, from the "dead-pan and scarlet gash" era.

The short style at its glamorous best. From a side parting the hair is brushed sleekly against the head on either side while a short bang completes the cap effect. Regular cutting and a soft Toni home permanent wave ensure that "well-groomed" look, so essential for the short hairstyles now in vogue.—Toni News Bureau Photo.

Taking a short cut with your hair

Already Paris is whispering that very shortly Fashion's pendulum will swing in the opposite direction....that day clothes will be clean-lined and devoid of "bittiness"....that flying panels will take a final (and overdue) take-off....that elaborate coiffures, with artfully contrived bangs and switches, will strike the only elaborate note" in discreet, tailored silhouettes....

Meanwhile, short hair has proved its popularity and will be a sure slayer for the coming months. Hair to be smart, must now be short, with soft curls sculpturing the head.

For the majority of women this new way of wearing the hair is impossible without a permanent wave, and an existing one, as everybody knows, has to be renewed after the hair has been drastically cut.

To keep short hair neat and trim, constant cutting is a "must", and this means hacking at one's precious perm—good business for the hairdresser, but hard on the pocket.

What then is the answer for the large percentage of women who cannot afford the time or the cost of a succession of permanent waves? One answer is reliable home permanent, with setting as often as can be managed at a good hairdresser, or, if you're the proud possessor of nimble fingers, in your own home.

Ann Temple

Fond of children

We are not very fond of children, neither my husband nor I. We have a vague feeling that it is somehow selfish and unnatural never to have them.

We are in our early thirties, have been married a year. We have a small house of our own, many interests shared and separate, have a very satisfying way of life, and are very happy.

Do you think our self-centredness would make us poor parents, or would the coming of a baby alter that? I suppose that subconsciously we resent anything that might alter the present happy state of things—M.

That's about it. And understandable enough that you should cling to happiness and a satisfying way of life for, heaven knows, they are rare enough.

But alas! it is like clinging to youth. A day comes when the lovely thing is gone for ever. Unless you have wisely moved into the beauty of maturity you quickly become the prey of vain regrets and sharp fears.

Marriage does not stand still. It goes from stage to stage. From husband and wife into parents is the natural way of keeping the happiness of marriage. True, there are many happy marriages without children, but the childlessness has not been voluntary. The mutual sorrow of the deprivation is a factor of the compensating companionship.

That you are at present not very fond of children is nothing to go by. Your fondness and interest may be latent because you have no close contacts with children. Try an interchange of ideas on the subject of child training, education, careers—for the children you might have. Open your minds to the idea.

Children will make demands on you. They will limit your freedom, thwart your present pleasures, upset the routine of your home, knock its precision and order into a cocked hat.

And to your amazement you'll find you wouldn't go back to the thin, careful existence to mutual self-satisfaction—no, not for the world! For they will be *your* children. That will be the magic of them.

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I am going to be married and would like to settle a problem that has often bothered me in my friends' marriages.

Should a husband and wife continue to have their own separate friends of the opposite sex? Or should one play for safety and give them up on marriage?—BRIDE.

It is only the unsure, the potentially unhappy marriage that makes separate friendships a danger.

When two people marry on the basis of attraction at the three levels of personality — physical, mental, and spiritual—and take a responsibility for each other's happiness, not merely their own, their separate friendships will add to the interest and richness of their companionship.

But don't think that marriage, however happy, automatically disposes of the danger of sex attraction. All through life men and women meet people for whom they at once feel a physical attraction. It is usually for each individual a recognised type. The wise husband and the wise wife will not continue a friendship in which there is any danger of emotional control having to be brought into play.

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Can you give me any idea of how to harness a painfully vivid imagination? As one making my living by writing I realise it to be an invaluable gift, but in my hours off I am bedevilled by its images.

In particular do I suffer lying awake at night brooding over the cruel fate of sad, desperate, homeless, hopeless people, pictured in my imagination—DANTE.

The worst of being a writer is that, strictly speaking, there are no "hours off." The sincere artist is obsessed by his characters, lives with them, enjoys with them, suffers with them.

There is a balancing factor in using energy through practical channels — gardening, work on the land. Work with the hands checks the racing of the imagination and calms down the turbulent mind to serenity.

RECIPES

Apple spices

6oz flour, level teaspoon baking powder, pinch salt, 3oz shortening, 3 tablespoons water, squeeze lemon juice, 1 cup cooked apple pulp, ½ cup brown sugar, ½ cup raisins, ¼ teaspoon allspice, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon melted shortening.

Place the apple pulp in a basin. Add the sugar, raisins, allspice and lemon juice. Add the melted shortening and beat until the mixture is smooth. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into basin.

Rub in the shortening until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs. Add the lemon juice to the water. Pour into the dry ingredients making into a dry dough.

Turn onto floured board and roll out thinly. Cut into circles about 3½ inches in diameter. Place a little of the apple mixture on half the circles, moisten the edges and top with a second piece of pastry. Press the edges well together.

Wet fry until golden brown. Drain on kitchen paper. Garnish with cloves and angelica or citron peel.

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Filled potato cakes

½lb cooked potatoes, 4oz flour, ¼ teaspoon baking powder, 1oz shortening, salt, pepper, 1 tablespoon milk, 1 egg, 4oz cold, cooked fish, ½ pint thick white sauce, salt, pepper, 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

Mash the potatoes and beat until smooth. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and pepper. Rub in the shortening. Add the potatoes. Mix well. Beat the egg and add to it the milk. Add to the dry ingredients, making into a dry dough.

Turn onto a floured board, knead lightly and roll out into rounds about ¼in thick. Dry fry in hot fat about 3 minutes on each side. Drain. Add the cooked fish to the hot sauce, season with salt, pepper and lemon juice.

Mix thoroughly and join two potato cakes together with the hot filling. Garnish with lemon and parsley and serve at once.

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ECONOMIC WORK OF THE UN PRAISED

London, February 24.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, today praised the economic work of the United Nations in a letter to the weekly review, The Economist.

Sir Ramaswami said that the United Nations Economic and Social Council was confronted with the task, under the Charter, of promoting high standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development.

This task raised a complex of fundamental issues which could not be solved overnight.

He added: Even the impatient academicians are not agreed on them. Nevertheless, it is true to say that considerable progress has been made in the post-war years towards the achievement of the Council's objectives.

"The very acceptance of the idea that governments have a solemn responsibility for taking action to promote full employment and economic development is evidence of that progress.

"Who could have contemplated, before the war, a procedure under which an international organisation would have despatched questionaries to all member governments enquiring in minute and precise detail as to the measures which they proposed to take to maintain full employment?"

Main task

Sir Ramaswami declared that the Secretariat's main task was to serve the Council and its commissions and to provide the impartial approach which was essential in their proceedings.

"The Secretariat cannot and should not produce economic surveys for their own sake. Most of the Secretariat's reports are produced for a specific purpose in relation to the needs of member governments meeting together, to resolve particular problems, and it is in this context that they must be considered.

"By the general consent of those who, like myself, have seen them at work, the staff of the department are doing a first-class job under excellent leadership."

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar has been associated with the economic work of the United Nations since the San Francisco Conference.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE REACTS TO ELECTION

London, February 24.

Stock prices tumbled on the London Stock Exchange this morning as the Labour Party clung to a narrow lead over the Conservatives in returns from yesterday's General Elections, but in the afternoon prices firmed.

Particularly hard hit were shares of corporations that might be nationalised by a new Labour Government.

The Labour Party's pre-election campaign placed heavy emphasis on a wide extension of socialism.

Prices of cement, chemical and insurance stocks were marked down sharply at the opening.

Little business was done at the new quotations, however.

Most prices were nominal—that is, they represented the broker's estimates on the levels that would be reached when and if a Labour victory were confirmed.

Financial Times' Index: 105.6. —Associated Press.

CZECH GOALS NOT ACHIEVED

Prague, February 24.

The first month of the second year of Czechoslovakia's five-year plan failed to achieve the goals set in two-thirds of the various industrial branches, the official news agency said today.

"The plan was exceeded in only five industrial branches, four remained a little under and six were considerably below the plan," an agency statement said.

Figures released for January showed that the economic plan was fulfilled by only 98.4 per cent. The figure for December was 108.7, and for last year as a whole, 102.8. As usual, the Government did not say what the goal had been.

A main failure was in the mining industry, which was hit by strikes, sabotage and slowdowns. Production reached 99.4 per cent, compared with 103.7 in December. Industries which went above the 100 per cent mark were power, foundries, glass, building materials and films. Others which went below included metals, chemicals and heavy machines.—Associated Press.

JC CONGRESS

San Francisco, February 24.

U. S. delegates to the Junior Chamber International Congress in Manila met today with the National President, Clifford Cooper, to discuss the delegation's position at the convention.

Mr. Cooper told the 30 delegates that the aim of the American group is to present the basic principles of America's free competitive enterprise system, both officially at the Congress and informally through personal contact with other delegates.—Associated Press.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after March 2, 1950 will be subject to rent.

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Hong Kong, February 25, 1950.

Dutch up in arms

Groningen, February 25.

A vigorous defence of Dutch shipbuilders was made here today in reply to allegations in the Portuguese Parliament last month suggesting construction faults in ships built here for Portuguese companies.

Mr. J. Kiestern, Director of the Groningen Shipbuilding Union, today voiced the great indignation aroused by the Portuguese allegations.

He added, "The reputation of Dutch shipbuilders is impregnable and Dutch shipbuilders will see to it that it stays so. We shall ignore the clamour of those who want to put us in bad light."

Explaining the present trouble Mr. Muller, Manager of the Foxhol Shipbuilding Company here, said that when the Arastr Shipping Company of Portugal suddenly stopped payment for the building costs of two trawlers suit was filed in the Groningen Court to recover the money.

Later criticisms of construction led to a conflict between the two firms in which the Portuguese not only refused to pay for the first ship but said that they would not accept delivery of the second vessel which was then almost completed.—Reuter.

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INCREASE IN PRICE OF GOLD PREDICTED

Manila, February 25.

John W. Haussermann, President of Benguet Consolidated Mining Company, returned to the Philippines after a two year absence with the prediction that an upward revision in the price of gold is inevitable.

Benguet is one of the largest gold mining concerns in the Philippines and its stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Mr. Haussermann said the present price of gold on the open world markets is US$80 per ounce. (The United States price is US$35. President Harry Truman has stated several times that it will not be changed.) Mr. Haussermann said he would like to see the world price of gold go up to US$70 per ounce, a price he said would cover 100 per cent increases in mining costs here since the war's end.

Despite restrictions on the sending of foreign exchange and gold abroad, the price of gold on the open market in the Philippines at present is reported at more than 115 Pesos (US$57.50). Mines are allowed to sell three-fourths of their production on the open market here.—Associated Press.

GOLD FIRM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, February 24.

South African gold shares were very firm in anticipation of a Labour victory in Britain, when the Rand Stock Exchange closed today.

The change in the voting trend since then will not, however, be reflected on the South African market until the stock exchange re-opens on Monday. Then the gold market's reaction to the final results will be made evident. —Associated Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, February 24.

Gains turned downward after early shakiness. The decline was led by March wheat, which dropped around two cents.

Wheat closed unchanged to 2¼ lower.

March	$2.10⅞
May	$2.13—$2.13¼
July	$1.93¼—⅞

Corn was ½—⅞ lower.
Oats were ½—¾ lower.
Rye was 1½—3 cents lower.
Soybeans were two cents lower to ¾ higher.—Associated Press.

NY COTTON

New York, February 24.

Cotton futures were strong on trade and commission house buying. All deliveries except nearby March hit new seasonal highs.

Futures closed 60 cents to US$1.20 bale higher.

March	32.37
May	32.71-74
July	32.35
October	30.07
December	29.90
March	29.87
Middling spot ...	33.23 nominal

—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, February 24.

Crude rubber Number One futures closed unchanged to 20 lower. Sales were 57 contracts.

March	19.15
May	19.00—.02
July	18.71
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Spot No. One ribbed smoked sheets 19-¼ nominal.—Associated Press.

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PRICES DROP

Washington, February 24.

The U.S. Government reported today that consumer prices dropped 0.4 per cent from mid-December to mid-January.

The Labour Department announced that the consumer price level—a rough measure of the cost of living—dropped in mid-January to 66.0 per cent above the pre-war 1935-39 average.—Associated Press.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 24.

A morning rush to buy stocks gave the market a decisive boost for the first time this week. The brief splurge of buying coincided with a strong surge of Conservative strength in the British General Election returns.

The front edge of the advance was soon blunted. Afternoon trading slowed and, near the close, the day's best prices were shaded.

Five hundred and twenty-two issues advanced, and 280 declined. New highs were established by 77 issues. Transfers were 1,710,000. Among the gainers were United Aircraft, Glenn Martin, Grumman Aircraft, Consolidated Vultee, Douglas Aircraft, North American Aviation, American Airlines, Consolidated Edison and Admiral Corporation.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 73.98; Industrials 204.16; Rails 55.48; Utilities 42.81.

Closing prices:

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Alaska Juneau	3
American Can	111⅞
" Smelting	55
" Telephone	150
" Tobacco	73¾
" Waterworks	10
Anaconda Copper	30⅝
Aviation Corp.	7½
Baldwin Locomotive	12⅝
Barnsdall	46½
Bendix Aviation	41⅜
Bethlehem Steel	33¼
Boeing Aircraft	27¼
Borden Co.	51
Canadian Pacific	14⅜
Chrysler	64¼
Colgate	44⅞
Commercial Solvents	16½
Corn Products	70¼
Du Pont	63¼
Eastman Kodak	48
Electric Light & Power	46¼
General Electric	46¼
" Motors	76¼
Goodrich	82¾
Goodyear	48⅜
Homestake Mining	45¾
International Harvester	28½
" Paper	36⅝
" Tel & Tel	12⅜
Johns Manville	46⅛
Kennecott Copper	54⅜
Montgomery Ward	56¼
National Distillers	22⅞
" Lead	37
New York Central	13
Packard Motors	4½
Pan American Airways	10⅛
Pennsylvania RR	17⅝
Radio Corp.	15⅜
Remington Rand	14½
Republic Steel	26⅛
Reynolds Tobacco	39½
Schenley	32¼
Sears Roebuck	43
Shell Oil	35⅞
Socony Vacuum	16¼
Southern Pacific	53¾
Standard Brands	23
" Oil of Calif.	62⅛
" Oil of N. J.	67⅛
Studebaker	28
Union Bag	28¼
" Carbide	44
US Rubber	42¾
" Steel	30½
" Lines	17½
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Bonds were narrow. Curl gainers included Cities Service Electric Bond and Share, United Light and Creole Petroleum.—Associated Press.

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SAILINGS TO
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Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

Pres. Cleveland (APL) American 18218 tons ex-Manila ..... Kwh
Towergrange (Mac Mac) British 8059 tons ex-Singapore A.2

TODAY

Philippine Transport (Jardine) ex-Pacific Coast.

TOMORROW

Andrias (Loxley) ex-Atlantic Coast.
Kweiyang (B & S) ex-Keelung.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Dingwall(Loxley) for Vancouver.
Mui Heng (C S Hong) for Bangkok.
Norseverett (Everett) for Manila
Oriental (F E Enterprise) for Dairen.
Tai Yuan (B & S) for Nagoya.

TODAY

Baluchistan (Mac Mac) for Japan.
Benmhor (Loxley) for U.K.
Hupeh (B & S) for Pacific Coast.
Philippine Transport (Jardine) for Manila.
Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Kobe.
Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
Taksang (Jardine) for Calcutta.
Towergrange (Mac Mac) for Kobe.
Tungus (Thoresen) for Kobe

TOMORROW

Heemskirk (RIL) for Europe.
Szechuen (B & S) for Bangkok.

Vessels In Port

A. Earhart (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Agathi (Loxley) ..... K.W.
Alpha Orange (Trinity) ..... K.B.
Baluchistan (Jardine) ..... KW
Benmohr (Loxley) ..... K.wh
Baralabas (Manners) ..... Yau.
Dust (Larsen) ..... S.C.
Eastern Trader (G. Southern) ... B.b
Chengking (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Chee Hsing (Wallem) ..... Yau.
Chiao Jen (CMSN) ..... K.D.
Chong Tong (China SS) ..... O.D.
Chu Chiang (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Colonial (Nolasco) ..... K. Bay
Colos (Colonial) ..... Yau.
Dingwall (Loxley) ..... KW
Dun Yu (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Eastern Venture (Metro) B.11
Empire Park (Sam Kee) ..... Yau.
Esang (Jardine) B.15
Fort Charlotte (NSO) ..... Buoy 17
Green Ranger (NSO) B.18
Grandview (Sansoon) ..... S.S. Po
Great Eagle (Colon) ..... Yau.
Hai Chung (Lee Bros.) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Hsia (CMSN) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Kang (CMSN) B.17
Hai Kin (Lee Bros.) ..... S.S. Po
Hai Nan (CMSN) ..... Yau
Hangsang (Jardine) B.2
Hermod (Thoresen) E.8
Hewsang (Jardine) B.23
Hinghai (B & S) B.28
Hiram (Thor.) ..... Hongkong Bay
Hock Lim (Eastern) ..... Yau.
Hunan (B & S) B.17
Hung Cheng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Hupeh (B & S) ..... Cust.
Inchmar (Williamson) ..... S.C.
Isias Vesuvio (Manners) ..... Yau
Julia Luckenbach (USL) A.5
Lake Shawnigan (Eastern) ..... K.B
Lady Wolmer (Roland)) ..... S.C
Lee Che (Mingsung) ..... Yau.
Leong Bee (Roland) ..... Yau.
Lin Shen (Jebshun) ..... S.C.
Lu Yi (BOTRA) ..... Yau.
Maidova (Maido) ..... K.D.
Margaret Moller (Mollers) ..... W.D.
Marie Skou (Gilman) ..... LCK.
Mei Foo (BVO) ..... Yau.
Mei Ling (Botra) ..... Yau.
Mina (Kung Dak) ..... Yau.
Ming Chung ..... Yau.
Mui Heng (Chin Seng) B.9
Mirama (Larsen) ..... K.B.
Nan Chiang (Eastern) ..... Yau.
Nan Hai (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Nellore (Mac Mac) ..... K.wh
New World Victory (USL) A.5
Norseverett (Everett) B.4
Nu Chiang (Ming Sung) ..... CBW
Oriental (Far East) B.13
Palcus (B & S) ..... Holts
Pei Ming (Yee Tai Hong) ..... Yau.
Pigneau De Behaine (MM) B.12
Poltava (Metro) B.18
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ..... KW
Prince Salvor (Mollers) ..... K.D.
Produce (B & S) B.4
Pronto (Lee Bros) ..... Po Tak
Ramona (Wallem) ..... Sham
Ridderkerk (RIL) A.11
Sabre Canim (Jardine) A.11
Sacramento (HKES) ..... T.D.
Sargen (Eastern) ..... K.B.
San Ernesto (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Gabriel (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Jeronimo (Manners) ..... Yau.
San Miguel (Manners) ..... S.C.
San Rafael (Manners) ..... Yau.
San Bris (Jebshun) B.17
Sanviken (Jebshun) ..... S.S
Silverwalnut (RIL) ..... K.wh
Sin Soon Lee (Lee Bros.) ..... Yau.
Sing Hing (Yick Yuen) ..... WP
Smih Mee (Ming Sung) ..... Yau
Store Nordisk (Telegraf) ..... TD
Sui Yuan (E A O) ..... Yau.
Tadah (Haiang S/S) ..... Yau.
Talchungshan (Jebshun) ..... D.O.A.
Talhinshan (Shun Cheong) ..T.O.wh
Tai Ping Shan (APO) ..... APO
Tai Po Shan (Shun Cheong) .... S.C.
Tai Yuan (B & S) ..... K. Wh.
Taksang (Jardine) B.2
Tarifa (Dodwell) A.13
Tele. De Laringa (Trinity) A.9
Teh Hu (Teh Hu SS) ..... S.C.
Teng Keng (CMSN) ..... Yau.
Tjibadak (RIL) A.4
Towergranger (Mac Mac) A.2
Ting Yuan (Ming Sung) ..... S.C.
Tonjer (Larsen) ..... K.B.
Trafoil (Mollers) ..... S.S.Po
Tsai Er (CMSN) ..... Yau
Tungus (Thoresen) ..... Kin. Bay
Union Power (Wallem) B.1
Valve (Hung Hing) ..... S.C.
Vulture (Hua Sheng) ..... Jan.
Vim (Lee Bros.) ..... Yau.
Wah Chung (Yung Tung) .... Cosmo.
Wen Hing (China Star) Po Tak wh
Wing Hing (Jardine) ..... J.wh
Yung Yao (King Tai) ..... S.C
Yun Men (Ming Sung) ..... Yau.
Yung Hsing (Botra) ..... Yau.

Vessels Due From

SOUTH AFRICA

Botsevain (RIL) ..... March 17
Glenbank (Bank) ..... " 6

AMERICA ATLANTIC COAST

Andrea (Loxley) ..... February 27
American Report (USL) ..... March 2
Agamemnon (B & S) ..... " 25
British Prince (Jardine) ..... " 18
Bronxville (Thoresen) ..... " 10
China Mail (Everett) ..... " 5
City of Poona (Bank) ..... " 5
Dona Aurora (B & S) ..... " 15
Dona Nati (B & S) ..... " 26
Fernstream (Thoresen) ..... " 3
Galeway City (Wallem) ..... " 14
Jacob Luckenbach (Gourlie) ..... " 1
Jean Lafitte (Wallem) ..... " 2
Laura Maersk (Jebsen) ..... " 15
Liholt (Wallem) ..... " 12
Marine Snapper (APL) ..... " 19
Mount Mansfield (APL) ..... " 19
Mount Davis (APL) ..... " 5
Norlago (Loxley) ex-Galveston .. 14
Ocean Mail (Everett) ..... mid
Olga Maersk (Jebsen) ..... " 3
Pioneer Lake (USL) ..... " 18
Pioneer Wave (USL) ..... " 28
Pres. Johnson (APL) ..... " 10
Shanvaan (Mac Mac) ..... " 6
Steel Vendor (Gilman) ..... " 20
Steel Navigator (Gilman) ..... " 13
Sven Salen (Mac Mac) ..... " 17
Tallyrand (Dodwell) ..... " 16

April

Ferndale (Thoresen) ..... " 10
Fernland (Thoresen) ..... " 2
Fernside (Thoresen) ..... " 29
Gertrude Maersk (Jebsen) ..... " 2
Igadi (Wallem) ..... " 7
Pres. Johnson (APL) ..... " 16
Steel Voyager (Gilman) ..... " 27

May

Fernfield (Thoresen) ..... " 29
Javanese Prince (Jardine) .... " 24
Mandville (Thoresen) ..... " 10

PACIFIC COAST

Nikobar (E.A.) ..... February 25
Oregon (Dodwell) ..... " 25
Philippine Transport (Jardine) ..... " 25
American Transport (Jardine) .. March 10
Arisonia (Dodwell) ..... " 6
Bougainville (Bank) ..... " 24
California Bear (USL) ..... " 23
China Transport (Jardine) ..... " 14
China Bear (USL) ..... " 13
Colorado (Dodwell) ..... " 12
General Gordon (APL) ..... " 12
Lightning (USL) ex-Frisco ..... " 14
Managarella (Wallem) ..... " 12
Pres. Pierce (APL) ..... " 11
Pres. Madison (APL) ..... " 6
Pres. Wilson (APL) ex-Frisco .. " 13
Sea Serpent (USL) ..... " 7
Tranquebar (E.A.) ..... " 13
Tradewind (USL) ..... " 22
Vesteroy (Wallem) ..... " 21
Wyoming (Dodwell) ..... " 23

April

Pacific Transport (Jardine) ..... " 4
Pres. Cleveland (APL) ..... " 11
Sunnyville (Bank) ..... " 21

AUSTRALIA

Aros (Dodwell) ..... March 20
Changsha (B & S) ..... " 12
Soochow (B & S) ..... mid. April
Hindustan (Jardine) ..... " 22
Kafristan (Jardine) ..... " 13

CHINA

Kweiyang (B & S) ex-Keelung .. February 27
Wingsang (Jardine) ..... " 25
Hanyang (B & S) ex-Tientsin .. March 2
Shengking (B & S) ex-Keelung .. " 3

EUROPE

Antilochus (B & S) ex-U.K. .... March 30
Automedon (B & S) ..... " 6
Anking (B & S) ex-U.K. ..... " 30
Benalbanach (Loxley) ..... " 5
Benvenue (Loxley) ..... " 14
Benvannoch (Loxley) ..... " 24
Breconshire (Jardine) ..... " 11
Canton (Mac Mac) ex-London .... " 13
City of Poona (Bank) ..... " 8
Cyclops (B & S) ex-U.K. ..... " 18
Glengary (Jardine) ..... " 27
Hemland (Gilman) ..... end.
Hoogkerk (RIL) ..... " 8
Kvernaas (E.A.) ..... " 4
Machaon (B & S) ex-U.K. ..... " 13
Morella (E.A.) ..... " 2
Nagara (Gilman) ..... " 20
Patroclus (B & S) ex-U.K. .... " 24
Socotra (Mac Mac) ..... " 13
Telemachus (B & S) ex-U.K. .. " 30
Torrens (Thoresen) ..... " 27

April

Benledi (Loxley) ..... " 7
Bennevis (Loxley) ..... " 20
Bencruchan (Loxley) ..... " 30
Benlawers (Loxley) ..... " 2
Bennatow (Loxley) ..... " 17
Carthage (Mac Mac) ..... " 10
Glengyle (Jardine) ex-U.K. ..... " 22
Kampodia (E.A.) ..... beg.
Nordpol (E.A.) ..... beg.
Radnorshire (Jardine) ..... " 11
Selandia (S.A.) ..... beginning
Shillong (Mac Mac) ..... " 13
Taliaman (Thoresen) ..... " 21
Tonghai (Gilman) ..... " 24

May

Corfu (Mac Mac) ex-London .... " 6
Glenroy (Jardine) ex-U.K. ..... " 9

INDIA

Sirdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta .. February 28
March
Evros (Mac Mac) ..... " 10
Pemba (Mac Mac) ex-Bombay ..... " 14
Shirala (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta .. " 14
Talrea (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta .. " 13

JAPAN

Berlare (RIL) ..... March 11
Oyonnax (MM) ..... " 11
Shansi (B & S) ex-Kobe ..... " 6
Star Betelgeuse (Everett) ..... " 11
Talyuan (B & S) ..... " 15
Tjibondok (RIL) ..... " 8
Wosang (Jardine) ..... " 14

April

Boissevain (RIL) ..... " 1
Heerkerk ..... early

SOUTH EAST PORTS

American Report (USL) ex-Manila March 20
Boissevain (RIL) ex-Manila ..... " 17
Fuklen (B & S) ex-Indonesia .... " 5
Mausang (Jardine) ex-Sandakan .. " 11
Maud (B & S) ex-Brunei ..... " 2
Norseverett (Everett) ex-Manila early
Pakhoi (B & S) ex-Bangkok .... " 7
Star Alcyone (Everett) ex-Singapore ..... mid
Tjitjalengka (RIL) ex-Java Ports " 6
Tjisadane (RIL) ex-Singapore .. " 20
Van Heutsz (RIL) ex-Singapore .. " 18

April

Pioneer Lake (USL) ex-Manila .. " 9
Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila .. " 20

SOUTH AMERICA

Boissevain (RIL) ..... March 17

Sailings To

AFRICA

April
5 Boissevain (RIL).

AUSTRALIA

March
2 Cilos (Dodwell).
18 Taiyuen (B & S) for Sydney.
April
11 Arca (Dodwell).
19 Nellore (Mac Mac).

AMERICA ATLANTIC COAST

March
6 China Mail (Everett).
8 Steel Worker (Gilman).
12 Borsholt (Wallem).
12 British Prince (Jardine).
13 Anna Maersk (Jebsen).
mid Ocean Mail (Everett).
20 Marine Snapper (APL).
16 Grete Maersk (Jebsen).
19 Steel Executive (Gilman).
21 American Reporter (USL).
April
8 St. Augustine Victory Gilman).
19 Pioneer Lake (USL).
18 Ferndale (Thoresen).
17 Pres. Johnson (APL).
23 Pioneer Wave (USL).
28 Igadi (Wallem).

PACIFIC COAST

February
26 Philippine Transport (Jardine).
March
1 Francisville (Bank).
1 Oregon (Dodwell).
3 Nikobar (E.A.).
5 Skanbo, (Mac Mac).
6 Atlanta (Dodwell).
7 Pres. Madison (APL).
8 China Transport (Jardine) via Japan.
8 Sea Serpent (USL).
8 Steel Worker (Gilman).
12 Pres. Pierce (APL).
12 Colorado (Dodwell).
14 China Bear (USL).
16 Lightning (USL) for Frisco.
17 Pres. Wilson (APL) for Frisco.
17 Tungus (Dodwell).
19 Ajax (B & S).
19 General Gordon (APL) for Frisco.
21 California Bear (USL).
24 Wyoming (Dodwell).
29 Steel Executive (Gilman).
30 American Transport (Jardine).
30 Castleville (Bank).
30 Tradewind (USL) for Frisco.

April

3 St. Augustine Victory (Gilman).
3 Pacific Transport (Jardine).
15 Pres. Cleveland (APL) for Frisco.

CHINA

February
26 Hupeh (B & S) for Tientsin.
26 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
28 Hunan (B & S) for Tsingtao.

March

3 Wingsang (Jardine) for Keelung.
3 Choysang (Jardine) for Inchon.
5 Shengking (B & S) for Keelung.
12 Liholt (Wallem) for Taku Bar.

April

5 Igadi (Wallem) for Tsingtao.

EUROPE

February
27 Heemskerk (RIL).
28 Boheme (Gilman).
28 Benavon (Loxley).

March

3 Tarifa (Thoresen).
3 Morella (E.A.).
6 Peleus (B & S).
9 Glenartney (Jardine) for Aden.
12 Oyonnax (MM).
13 Kyber (Mac Mac).
mid City of Leeds (Bank).
18 Benvenue (Loxley).
18 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.
23 Glenearn (Jardine) for U.K.
24 Shuyangfoeh (Loxley).
26 Automedon (B & S) for Marseilles
31 City of Poona (Bank).
end. Kvernaas (E.A.).

April

Beg. Liverpool (E.A.).
Beg. Belsedia (E.A.).
Early Hoogkerk (RIL).
6 Benlawers (Loxley).
8 Naraga (Gilman).
12 Socotra (Mac Mac).
14 Carthage (Mac Mac) for London.
14 Ringerd (MM).
15 Torrens (Thoresen).
21 Benhatow (Loxley).
25 Benhevis (Loxley).
end. Kambodia (E.A.).

May

3 Benruchan (Loxley).
8 Champollion (MM).
12 Ocean (Mac Mac) for London.
15 Ste. Mere Eglise (MM).

June

9 Canton (Mac Mac) for London.

July

7 Carthage (Mac Mac).

August

4 Corfu (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

March
19 Shirala (Mac Mac).

JAPAN

February
26 Towergrange (Mac Mac).
26 Baluchistan (Jardine).

March

1 Eastern Saga (Jardine).
2 Sirdhana (Mac Mac).
8 Fukien (B & S) for Yokohama.
13 Berlare (RIL).
13 Hermod (Thoresen) for Kobe.
14 Taiyea (Mac Mac).
15 Changsha (B & S).
16 Hoogkerk (RIL).
mid Star Alcyone (Everett).
19 Talaefjin (RIL).
19 Socotra (Mac Mac). for Kobe.
18 Nellore (Mac Mac).
25 Nagara (Gilman) for Kobe.

SOUTH EAST PORTS

February
27 Szechuen (B & S) for Bangkok.

March

early: Norseverett (Everett) for Singapore.
1 Hewsang (Jardine) for Sandakan.
3 American Reporter (USL) for Manila.
5 Hiraki (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
9 Tjitjalengka (RIL) for Java Ports
9 Shansi (B & S) for Bangkok.
11 Pres. Johnson (APL) for Java Ports.
12 British Prince (Jardine) for Philippine.
13 Star Betelgeuse (Everett) for Singapore.
14 Steel Navigator (Gilman) for S. E. Ports.
15 Hai Meng (Thoresen) for Singapore.
15 Hermelin (Thoresen) for Bangkok.
17 Woosang (Jardine) for Singapore.
19 Pioneer Lake (USL) for Manila.
19 Van Heutsz (RIL) for Singapore.
21 Anhui (B & S) for Singapore.
23 Bougainville (Bank) for Singapore
25 Tjisadane (RIL) for Singapore.
27 Pioneer Wave (USL) ex-Manila.
31 Steel Vendor (Gilman) for Saigon.

April

3 Boissevain (RIL) for Manila.
25 Steel Voyager (Gilman) for Saigon.

SOUTH AMERICA

March
31 Glenbank (Bank).

April
3 Boissevain (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

March
7 Mount Davis (APL).
21 Mount Mansfield (APL).

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, February 24. Ship arrival: Jeff Davis from Okinawa.

Seattle, Ship departure: Volunteer State for Yokohama.

Los Angeles, Ship arrival: Brooklyn Heights from Shimatsu. —Associated Press.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices realised at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday were:—

	First quality price a catty	Average price a catty
Mud Sweeper	$2.41	$2.41
White Pomfret (large)	4.81	3.36
Macao Hoisin (large)	2.39	1.33
Hoisin (small)	1.21	.92
Golden Thread	1.97	1.53
Horse Head (small)	2.02	1.66
Coaster-Fish	2.62	1.53
Hair Tail	.98	.98

AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon: 3.15 p.m.
CPA ex-Manila: 11.30 a.m.
MATC ex-Macao: 5 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
BOAC ex-Singapore: 4 p.m.

TOMORROW

PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1.45 p.m.; ex-New York via London, Istanbul, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.
PAL ex-Europe via United States and Manila.
BOAC ex-London/Bangkok: 4.40 p.m.

TUESDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Haiphong: 3.15 p.m.
PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Tokyo, Okinawa: 12.45 p.m.
PAL ex-Manila.
POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 4 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipeh: 4.15 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

POAS ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Paris via Saigon: 8.30 a.m.
CPA for Labuan via Manila, Sandakan, Jesselton: 8 p.m.
PAA for Bangkok: 8.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Manila, Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 4.30 p.m.; San Francisco via Okinawa, Tokyo, Wake, Honolulu: 5.30 p.m.
PAL for Manila.

TUESDAY

CPA for Singapore via Bangkok (connects at Bangkok with Bangkok-Rangoon service): 6.45 a.m.
PAA for New York via Bangkok, Calcutta, Karachi, Damascus, Istanbul: 2.30 p.m.
BOAC for Bangkok, London: 7 a.m.; for Tokyo: 6.45 a.m.; for Singapore: 9 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS for Taipeh: 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 25/2. (Ord.) 10 a.m. 26/2.
Airmail for Holhow, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 25/2, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 26/2.

Closing Times by Sea
Holhow, 9 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila and Sandakan, (Reg.) 10 a.m., (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Holhow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.
Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Basra, Cairo (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius and Johannesburg via Cairo), Rome and London, Kowloon CPO: (Reg.) 3.30 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Singapore, Batavia, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok and Colombo, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Canada via Vancouver BC, (Par, and Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Haiphong, 3 p.m.
Manila, Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Holhow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.
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Airmail for Haiphong and Saigon, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Straits, 11 a.m.
Manila, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 10 a.m., (Ord.) 11 a.m.
Airmail for Holhow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 4 p.m.

Money Market

US dollars opened yesterday at HK$66.51, dropped to $6.50½, and closed at $6.50¾.

TT was put through from HK$6.54½, down to $6.54.

Sterling was unchanged at HK$15.10.

Australian pounds went up again to HK$13.40.

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s.s. "CHOYSANG" Tientsin & Taingtao .....27th Feb.
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Softball:

Junior League underdogs turn tables on favourites

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In yesterday's Softball Junior League games, the underdogs turned the tables by upsetting the favourites, Delawares nosing out the Aces 7-6, while the Baby Pandas shaded Spartans 10-8.

The Griffins were unfortunate to lose to Jaguars 3-2 after holding the winners to a no-hit no-run period of five frames behind M. Yusuf's steady pitching.

In the Ladies Senior League Wahoos accounted for the Pirates 10-1 with a 9-hit barrage of base-knocks.

The Baby Pandas actually outhit a powerful Spartan outfit when they added another victory to their list.

L. P. Cheng pasted the apple for three in four, while S. C. Chen poled out the only round-tripper of the game.

Pete McRae of the Spartans was the only one for the losers who made more than one hit, while David Knight contributed a three-base hit to no avail.

The Griffins hit Jaguar hurler R. A. Silva all over the lot as they collected eight bingles, marking up their two runs in the first inning while holding the opposition scoreless.

S. Kader aided the Griffs with three hits in four times, but his efforts were soon nullified as the Cubs connected hurler Yusuf for two bunched up hits—their only two for the entire game—to register two runs.

A further tally in the seventh on an error lost the game for the Griffs.

Did not disappoint

The Delawares, who are now guided by Buster Hollands, did not disappoint the expectations of the energetic coach as they toppled a powerful Aces contingent.

The Aces pulled out two of their regular players in the early stages of the game and when another player was injured while running to first base, Delaware captain Rennie Barretto very sportingly permitted one of the ex-players to return to the game.

Pirates were without two of their regulars when they took the field, but were allowed to field E. Souza M. Blackstone and S. Andreff to make up the side.

The Pirates were set down in order in the first inning, while the Wahoos unleashed a barrage of three hits to register four runs.

The game on ice

The Buccaneers notched up the initial marker in the fourth when Sheila Howard lifted a sacrifice fly to centre field to score Bobbie Lee, but a further cluster of three runs in the Wahoo half of that chapter put the game on ice.

Hilda Soares hit safely twice in four times, while Elsie Thompson poled out the only extra-base clout with a double to chase in two runs in the first inning.

Winning pitcher Terry Noronha struck out three and allowed three scattered hits, while battery mate Patsy Ribbiro erased three base-stealers with her bullet pegs across the diamond to short-stop Irene Castilho.

Pirate Dorothy Park was robbed of a sure two-base hit when centre-fielder Teresa Campos hauled down a towering fly which was the best catch of the game.

Results at a glance

LADIES' SENIOR LEAGUE

Wahoos	10	Pirates	1

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Jaguars	3	Griffins	2
Pandas	10	Spartans	8
Delawares	7	Aces	6

ELIZABETH TO FLY TO MALTA

London, February 24.

Princess Elizabeth is flying to Malta next month for her second visit there with her sailor husband.

Clarence House, London home of the young heiress to the British throne, announced today the Princess plans to leave for Malta about March 28.

Her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is on regular Royal Navy sea duty as First Lieutenant of the destroyer Chequers. The ship is based on Malta.

The Princess has not decided how long she will stay on the Island, a Clarence House spokesman said.

There was no mention of Prince Charles in today's brief Clarence House announcement, but Buckingham Palace sources said that he will probably stay behind with King George and Queen Elizabeth again.

The announcement also did not say where the Princess will stay on the Island. On her last visit she was a guest of Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, wartime Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia, and his wife. —Associated Press.

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

First Division League: Craigengower v RAF at Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.; Royal Navy v Scorpions at King's Park, 1.45 p.m.

Second Division League: Commandos v Recreio at Sookunpoo, 1.45 p.m.

Inter-Hong: Jardines v Dodwells at Chater Road, 11 a.m.

Friendlies: RASC v KCC at Cox's Road, 1.45 p.m.; "A" Police XI v "B" Police XI at Boundary Street, 2 p.m.; Pessimists v ROAC at King George V School, 2 p.m.

GOLF

American Cup Tournament at Fanling, 9.20 a.m.

SOCCER

1st Division

RAF v Commando Stokuntoo, 3 p.m. Referee: J. F. Ennis; Linesmen: Tsang King-hong and C.K. Woo.

Police v Eastern, Boundary Street 4 p.m.; Referee: F.J. Cross Linesmen: W.G. McKie and H. Richardson.

South China v St. Joseph's, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee: H.J. Chisnall; Linesmen: J.H. Gargette and P.J. Roach.

2nd Division

South China v Prison's, Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: A. Leek. Dockyard v Kit Chee. Navy, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: P. Manson.

Navy v Yard Police, Navy, 4 p.m. Referee: Wong King-chung.

RAF v PCA, Kai Tak, 4 p.m.; Referee: G.T. Grummit.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Senior Knockout Competition

Queen's College v St. Stephen's (Replay), (Club ground 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. R.M. Omar.

Wah Yan P.M. v King George's V, (Club ground 11 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Sharpe.

Wah Yan A.M. v La Salle, (Navy No. 1 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Mooney.

Junior

St. Joseph's v Government Vernacular School, (Navy No. 2, 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Kwok.

Wah Yan A.M. v Anglo Chinese P.M., (St. Joseph's 10.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Manson.

Ellis Kadoorie A.M. v Ellis Kadoorie P.M. (Navy No. 1, 11.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Ennis.

Anglo Chinese A.M. v Wah Yan P.M., (Navy No. 2, 11.30 a.m.); Referee: Mr. Chan Tak-fai.

FRIENDLY SOCCER

International: Norway v Denmark, on Club Ground at Happy Valley, 12.30 p.m.

HUNT CLUB MEET

Polo & Hunt Club Meet at Sheung Shui Village, near Fanling, at 11.30 a.m.

HOCKEY

Navy v Army at RNRC No. 1 11.15 a.m. Umpires: Mr. Blinko and Mr. Xavier.

Nomads v HKHC at RNRC No. 2 10 a.m. Umpires: PO Bradley and PO Sullivan.

Dutch HC v RAF at Kai Tak 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Sgt/Maj. Hannan and QMSI McClelland.

YMCA v Commandos at RNRC No. 1 10 a.m. Umpires: Mr. Palmer and Mr. Guest.

Chand Tara v KITC at RNRC No. 2 11.15 a.m. Umpires: Mr. Grewal and Mr. Gurevitch.

Hong Kong Police v Recreio "A" at Boundary Street 10.30 a.m. Umpires: S/Cdr. Padley and W. O. Smith.

Recreio "B" v Pak SC at Recreio 10 a.m. Umpires CYS Gater and CPO Mathews.

SOFTBALL

Men's senior league

CBA Ground. 10.30 a.m., St. Joseph's v Jaguars (Buster Hollands, Ren Sequiera, A. Thomas; Ren Barretto).

Recreio F/B Ground. 1.30 p.m., Chung Hwa v Daredevils (Fred Diesta, Hal Ong, Hoover Wong; Bernard Silva); 3 p.m., Madcaps v Overseas (Dick Chung, Henry Wong, Tony Silva; Eddie Loureiro).

Men's junior league

Recreio F/B Ground. 10.30 a.m., Braves v Rexes (Don Robbins, M. Guterres, A. Guterres; Bernard Silva); 12 noon, Overseas v Blackhawks (Les Castro, Jim Henderson, Eddie Remedios; Samet Samy).

Ladies' senior league

CBA Ground. 1.30 p.m., Wildcats v Canadians (Igmor Eriksen, C. Coelho, H. Moosdeen; Bim Ablong).

Ladies' junior league

CBA Ground: 12 noon, Clovers v St. Teresa's (Cesar M. Xavier, Ollie Vas, Frank Correa; Hal Winglee); 3 p.m., White Fangs v Squaws (Herbie Quon, Bob Low, Tiger Hussain; Roberto Nunes).

TENNIS

United Services Recreation Club all-day American Tennis Tournament at USRC, King's Park, 10.30 a.m.

Exhibition games at the Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.: Senhora Maria Weiss v Benzin Saw (Schoolboy Champion); Heraldo Weiss v Tsui Wai-pui; Pedro Masip v Ip Koon-hung.

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With the tennis season fast approaching, the tennis section of the Indian Recreation Club is making preparations for the League competitions.

This year the Club has been singularly fortunate in that it has in O. R. Sadick, member of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, a Tennis Convenor who is actively interested in the game and who is devoting a great deal of his time in resuscitating interest in tennis at the IRC.

Sadick's interest in sport, however, is not confined only to tennis.

He is still a very keen follower of the Turf, although he does not ride as he used to do some seasons ago.

Pet sport

Most of his spare time is spent on the Rifle or Revolver ranges, for shooting has now become his pet sport.

He was a member of the Police "B" team that won the Pistol Tiles Challenge Cup in the recent Inter-Services Shoot held at the Stonecutters Range.

At the conclusion of this shoot, the men with the highest scores had to shoot against each other for the honour of representing the Colony in the Colonial Pistol Shoot.

Sadick qualified for the Hong Kong team of four and in this connection it is interesting to note that the average score of 79, put up by the Colony marksmen, was much higher than that of 1948.

The high average of the Hong Kong team gives hope that the Postal Shoot will be won by the Colony although the final results will not be known for some four weeks to come.

Sadick is the Hon. Treasurer of the Special Constabulary Rifle and Revolver Club and he takes such a keen interest in his Special Constabulary work that he does not have much time left for another of his pet games—lawn bowls!

For the same reason he has had to give up the keen interest he took in local football in many League games as a referee.

NO DANGER OF JAP DUMPING?

Ottawa, February 25.

There is no danger of world markets being flooded with cheap Japanese goods as in pre-war days, a 14-man Japanese parliamentary delegation said here today.

The delegation, speaking through an interpreter at a Press conference, admitted that there had been extensive dumping of Japanese goods before the war, but added that Japanese exports are now strictly controlled by the Allied powers who also fix the prices of the goods.—Reuter.

MAO VISITING RED INDUSTRY

Moscow, February 25.

A Tass News Agency report said today that the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, visited factories and power plants in several Soviet cities on his way from Moscow to Peking.

The report said he halted his trans-Siberian railway journey to inspect plants at Sverdlovsk, Omsk, Novo-Sibirsk and Krasnoyarsk. At Novosibirsk he also visited the Chkalov aircraft factory and the Harvester plant. The Agency said he was warmly welcomed.

Mao is to pass through that part of Manchuria where Soviet influence is said to be most active.—United Press.

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"SCORPIONS" GIVE IRC DRUBBING

KCC win Junior Championship

The 10-wicket victory of the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" over the Indian Recreation Club in a First Division League cricket game at Chater Road yesterday must have been gratifying to the "Scorpions" in more ways than one.

The victory of the "Scorpions" not only served to consolidate their position at the top of the First Division Table, but was sweet revenge for the recent 10-wicket defeat inflicted on their club-mates—the "Optimists"—by the Indians.

Kowloon Cricket Club Juniors, who were tipped as this season's champions right from the start, fulfilled expectations by annexing the Second Division Championship yesterday, when they beat King George V School at Cox's Road by four wickets.

Army scored a 10-wicket victory over Hong Kong University in a First Division League game at Sookunpoo, while HKCC "Optimists" accounted for Royal Navy by three wickets.

In the only other First Division League game played yesterday, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Club de Recreio at King's Park by two wickets.

FIRST DIVISION

HKCC "Scorpions"—IRC

The Indian Recreation Club, who recently caused a sensation with their 10-wicket victory over Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists," went down by a similar margin to the Hong Kong Cricket Club "Scorpions" in a First Division League cricket match played at Chater Road yesterday.

For cricket, it was a lightning affair. Frank Howarth's devastating bowling (ably assisted also by Tony Weller), had the Indians all back in the Pavilion for 40 runs; by 3.45 p.m. the "Scorpions" had chalked up their 10-wicket victory.

Without A. A. Rumjahn and Minu, the Indians were a greatly demoralised team. Their first setback came when Kitchell was bowled by Howarth for a "duck".

A. R. Abbas and S. A. Ismail were the highest scorers for their side: eight each!

Frank Howarth varied his pace with deadly effect. His leg spins were, in the main, the downfall of the Indian batsmen.

Howarth claimed six wickets for 14 runs in 10 overs, five of which were maidens.

Weller captured the remaining four wickets, but gave away 25 runs. His bowling was frequently short, but his pace was maintained. It was, however, sufficient to keep a shaky batting side in check.

Weller executed a spectacular catch when he leapt two yards in front of the stumps to stop a fast, rising shot from All, having bowled the ball himself.

The "Scorpions" went in to bat with an air of confidence. Len Stokes confirmed his return to form and had 28 runs to his credit when the IRC total was passed.

Batting on, he brought his total to 47 when the tea interval stopped the game.

Opening with O. J. Kerr, Stokes took his time over getting runs. He gave once chance early in the game.

Stokes and Kerr started off scoring slowly, but steadily. They had some 20 runs on the board in a little over 10 minutes.

After that, however, runs came at a fast pace, with both batsmen hitting out at almost every ball.

Stokes was seen executing a number of neat drives and but for good fielding by the Indians, might well have increased his tally.

Kerr had scored 15 runs when the IRC total was passed, but was out to an easy catch just as the tea bell was sounding. His score was then 32:

IRC

A. R. Abbas b Howarth	8
A. K. H. Esmail c Cull b Weller	7
A. R. Kitchell b Howarth	0
A. Al Rumjahn b Howarth	0
I. Ali c and b Weller	5
F. M. el Arculli b Howarth	0
M. I. Razack b Howarth	5
S. A. Ismail b Weller	8
A. H. Baker b Weller	0
M. U. Mohideen c Owen-Hughes b Howarth	0
I. M. Omar not out	0
Extras	1
Total	40

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Weller	11	2	25	4
Howarth	10.2	5	14	6

HKCC "Scorpions."

L. F. Stokes not out	28
O. J. Kerr not out	15
Total (for no wicket)	43

F. A. Weller, J. A. Borthwick, R. H. Hughes, F. Howarth, H. M. Newton, R. S. Cull, O'Driscroll, H. Owen-Hughes, T. A. Pearce, did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Abbas	5	0	14	0
Kitchell	3	0	18	0
Arculli	2	1	5	0
Omar	5	0	6	0

Army—HKU

The Army scored an overwhelming victory over the Hong Kong University in their First Division League cricket encounter at Sookunpoo yesterday, winning by 10 wickets.

The Varsity batted first and could only score 67 against the bowling of Cullen, who was in deadly form with the ball. He took six wickets for 30 runs in 14.1 overs seven of which were maidens.

The Army opening batsmen, I. Darbyshire and R. S. Channer scored the required runs for victory without being separated, Darbyshire getting 43 and Channer 25.

HKU

T. Lo b Corfield	8
S. M. Teh b Cullen	10
C. L. Huang run out	1
D. Cheillah lbw Mckenzie	4
L. T. Bide b Cullen	0
B. K. Poh b Cullen	0
D. Honson c Corfield b Cullen	2
S. D. Vanar b Cullen	3
T. H. Lean lbw b Cullen	14
J. C. Koh not out	10
J. Peter run out	4
Extras	11
Total	67

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Corfield	12	6	23	1
Cullen	14.1	7	30	6
Mckenzie	3	1	3	1

ARMY

I. Darbyshire not out	43
R. S. Channer not out	25
Extras	8
Total (for no wkts)	76

G. R. Tomline, B. B. Haig, M. W. Holme, K. H. Wilson, R. Graveston, W. M. Mitchell, K. C. Mckenzie, R. C. Corfield and J. Cullen did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
S. M. Teh	5	-	23	-
T. H. Lean	6	-	27	-
B. K. Poh	2	-	12	-
J. C. Koh	1	-	6	-

Royal Navy—"Optimists"

In their First Division League cricket encounter at King's Park yesterday, Hong Kong Cricket Club "Optimists" beat Royal Navy by three wickets.

Royal Navy

S. Brown c and b Mahon	12
R. C. Westfield lbw Mahon	5
D. H. C. Nation b Mahon	4
J. F. Oxtoby st. Nolan b Mahon	0
R. Mack b Mahon	0
R. T. White b Beevers	40
J. R. Venables b Mahon	0
R. Morgan b Mahon	1
L. White b Howard	1
D. Uden c Rankine b Snaith	13
D. Taylor not out	8
Extras	17
Total	101

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Mahon	14	6	19	7
Fritchard	8	2	22	-
Snaith	9	3	18	1
Howard	5	0	12	1
MacPherson	2	1	10	0
Beevers	1.2	0	3	1

HKCC ("Optimists"

N. E. Arthy c Westfield b White	62
G. H. Pritchard c and b Morgan	20
R. P. MacPherson c White b Morgan	0
A. M. Nolan st. Oxtoby b Morgan	0
T. Mahon b White	1
W. L. Howard c Nation b White	9
G. Holdsworth c Nation b Taylor	0
A. L. Snaith not out	8
H. H. Rankine not out	1
Extras	2
Total (for seven wkts)	103

W. J. Slugler and M. S. Beevers did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Uden	3	-	18	-
White	10	3	25	3
Morgan	8	0	40	3
Taylor	2	0	16	1

Recreio—KCC

Kowloon Cricket Club defeated Club de Recreio by two wickets in a First Division League cricket match played at King's Park yesterday.

Recreio

L.G. Gosano, b Sellers	14
M. d'Almada Remedios, b Kermani	8
G.N. Gosano, b Hart-Baker	28
E.L. Gosano, b Kermani	1
A.M. Rodrigues, lbw Kermani	0
E.M.L. Soares, c Lee, b Hart-Baker	20
H.L. Ozorio, b Kermani	3
A.E. Noronha, b Kermani	5
D. d'Almada Remedios, c Sellers, b Kermani	7
A.R. Osmund, not out	2
A.M. Prata, st Zimmern, b Kermani	2
Extras	6
Total	96

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
C.P. Smith	1	0	1	0
Kermani	12.33	1	41	7
Sellers	8	0	26	1
Hart-Baker	4	0	22	2

KCC

W.M. Davidson, b L.G. Gosano	5
W.H. Colledge, b L.G. Gosano	5
A. Zimmern, b L.G. Gosano	21
J. Leribu, lbw L.G. Gosano	8
N. Hart-Baker, c Prata, b Ozorio	7
F.R. Kermani, c Ozorio, b G.N. Gosano	5
C.P. Smith, b G.N. Gosano	21
J.N. Sellers, run out	15
G.A. Rosselet, not out	1
E.C. Fincher, not out	10
Extras	2
Total (for eight wkts.)	100

R.E. Loo did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
G.N. Gosano	14	4	27	2
L.G. Gosano	13	3	50	4
Ozorio	4	1	12	1
E.L. Gosano	4	1	9	1

SECOND DIVISION

KCC—KGV

Kowloon Cricket Club beat King George V School by four wickets in a Second Division League cricket game at Cox's Road yesterday and thus annexed the Second Division Championship for the current season.

Batting first, the schoolboys could only muster 61 runs against the keen bowling of KCC, the only batsman to play the opposing attack with any confidence being M. Koodiaroff, who scored 20 runs.

Seymour took two wickets for eight runs, while Bond captured three for 18 in nine overs, one of which was a maiden.

When it came to their turn to bat, KCC did not find it easy to obtain runs and lost six wickets before passing the KGV total.

Highest scorer for KCC was S. V. Gittins, who knocked up 19 runs.

Nicolson was the most successful KGV bowler, taking three wickets for 17 runs in five overs, one of which was a maiden.

The other three KCC wickets were captured by Bottomley, who gave away 20 runs.

KGV

B. Dhabher c Seymour	1
E. Webster st Smith b Bond	8
M. Koodiaroff c Smith b Labrum	20
J. Davis b Labrum	3
G. Almao not out	13
D. Dunne c Guest b Bond	4
D. Bottomley lbw Bond	0
D. Hutton run out	1
M. Sarglson st Smith b Seymour	0
M. Salter lbw White	0
M. Nicolson played on b White	4
Extras	7
	61

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
White	11	6	14	2
Seymour	7	2	8	2
Bond	9	1	18	3
Labrum	4	—	10	1
Gittins	2	—	4	—

KCC

F. A. Broadbridge c Dunne b Nicolson	8
V. C. Bond c Webster b Nicolson	0
E. Randall c Davis b Nicolson	0
S. V. Gittins c Salter b Bottomley	19
C. J. Smith lbw Bottomley	3
S. A. Gray lbw Bottomley	0
D. G. White not out	12
R. N. Manley not out	3
Extras	4
Total (for six wkts.)	63

R. Labrum, E. Guest and V. C. Seymour did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Nicolson	5	1	17	3
Bottomley	10	2	20	3
Dunne	5	—	16	—

IRC—Royal Navy

In a low scoring Second Division cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday the Indian Recreation Club defeated the Royal Navy 2nd XI by 47 runs.

Coles of the RN took four wickets for 23 runs while the two IRC bowlers took all the RN wickets between them, Motiwalla taking six wickets for 14 runs and A. Ebrahim taking four for 16.

IRC

S. E. M. Bux b Maylor	15
K. Lalchand c Rees b Maylor	2
M. A. Wahab Sr. b Coles	0
A. Ebrahim b Coles	6
F. A. Courcen b Coles	4
R. A. Bux b Coles	20
Y. Motiwalla b Blackbee	12
T. A. Ebrahim b Dawes	4
H. T. Barma b Blackbee	1
S. F. C'agia lbw Dawes	0
T. H. Barma not out	0
Extras	9
Total	73

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Maylor	8	2	28	2
Coles	10	2	23	4
Blackbee	8	4	4	2
Dawes	3.1	—	9	2

Royal Navy

Hearn b A. Ebrahim	4
Maylor b Motiwalla	1
Williams c Lalchand b Motiwalla	0
Dawes b Motiwalla	8
Blackbee c T. Ebrahim b A. Ebrahim	0
Coles c Barma b Motiwalla	2
Brooker b Motiwalla	4
Morgan lbw b A. Ebrahim	5
Rees c Barma b A. Ebrahim	0
Taylor b Motiwalla	0
West not out	0
Extras	3
Total	26

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Motiwalla	8	3	14	6
A. Ebrahim	8.5	1	10	4

RAF—Dockyard

Royal Air Force beat Royal Naval Dockyard by 82 runs in a Second Division League cricket game played at Kai Tak Airport yesterday.

RAF

D. M. Ogilvie c Wickham b Plume	2
G. Blackburn b Plume	5
E. Norris lbw b Collins	9
B. Cooper c Hughes b Collins	10
G. C. Rawston b Hughes	31
J. Hurst b Plume	46
T. France b Collins	2
D. Isaacs b Collins	2
H. Davenport c Ibbotson b Collins	17
J. Robinson not out	7
A. D. Parks b Tucker	5
Extras	7
Total	145

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Collins	16	1	57	5
Plume	11	1	28	3
Tucker	4	-	20	1
Moore	2	-	16	-
Hughes	5	-	15	-

Dockyard

J. Barber b Davenport	5
G. Horley c Isaacs b Hurst	4
B. Tucker run out b Hurst	11
F. Hennin c Isaacs b Davenport	10
C. Hughes b Davenport	4
G. Collins b Blackburn	11
G. Wickham b Davenport	0
F. Plume b Davenport	4
P. Ibbotson b Davenport	0
K. Withey c Cooper b Isaacs	0
G. Moore not out	0
Extras	3
Total	61

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
H. Davenport	12	1	36	6
J. Hurst	10	4	21	1
G. Blackburn	2	1	1	1
D. Isaacs	1	1	-	1

Captain Stewart wins Army Squash title

Captain J. A. Stewart won the Army Squash Championship yesterday when he defeated Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Vickers in straight sets 9-5, 9-3, 9-3, at the Victoria Squash Courts.

Throughout the match, Captain Stewart appeared to have the upper hand. His placements and cunningly concealed drops which caused the ball to rebound only a few feet from the front wall kept Colonel Vickers on the run, but he never gave up fighting.

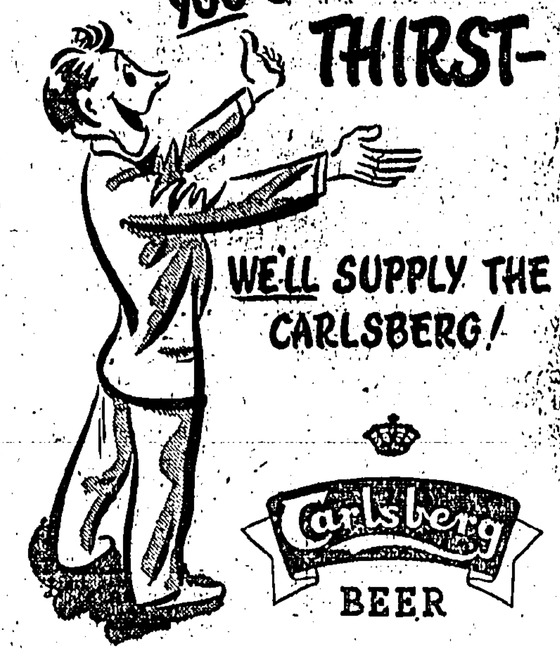
The first set was very evenly contested up to four-all, when Captain Stewart exerted his repertoire of strokes and won the set while conceding only one more point.

Superior tactics

The second stanza saw Captain Stewart go on his winning way with a variation of strokes; although Colonel Vickers went all out in retrieving, but finally succumbed to superior tactics.

The third set found both men tiring fast because of the tremendous pace of the first two sets. However, Captain Stewart's command of strokes stood him in good stead and he ran out a comfortable winner of set and match.

On the conclusion of the match Mrs. J. S. Vickers, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Vickers, DSO, presented a silver cup to the winner. She in turn was presented with a basket of flowers.



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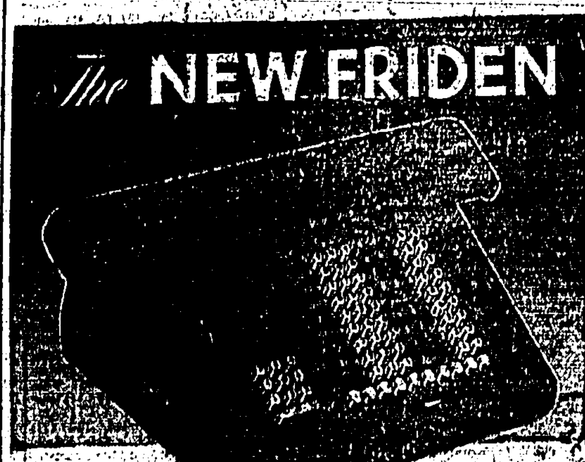

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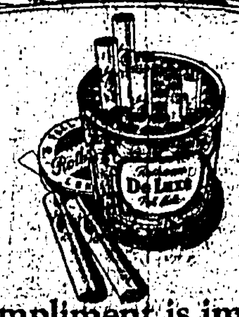

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CLONFECKLE WINS NEWMARKET HANDICAP

Some good racing and keen finishes were seen at the Second Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley yesterday.

Favourites secured wins in four out of the 10 events. There were, however, no major upsets, and dividends were on the low side.

The biggest pay-out for a win was HK$35.60 and that for a place HK$32.

In the main event of the day, the Newmarket Handicap, confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950 that have won, Clonfeckle, the favourite, lived up to its backers' expectations.

Run over a course of a mile and 171 yards, nine starters competed in this event.

It was a keen contest among Clonfeckle, Hellzappopin, Tiny Grey and Prestwood from beginning to end, and at no time were they seen to be more than two lengths apart from one another.

Hellzappopin, Mr. C.H. Renfrew up, led almost the whole distance, while Confeckle, ridden by Mr. H. Maitland, kept to third or second position until the eleventh hour. Just past the public stand, it started putting on speed, overtook Hellzappopin and beat it to the winning post two and a half lengths ahead.

Biggest upset

The biggest upset of the day was Tigress, the red hot favourite in the fourth race. An accident before the start of the race probably unsettled Mr. Kennth Kwok, her rider. A false start before the barrier was up resulted in Mr. Kwok being lifted off his mount, fortunately without serious injury.

First, second and third favourites in this event all failed to secure even a place, and it was left to Fiesta, ridden by Mr. Ostroumoff, the fourth choice of punters, to capture the winning honours. Tigress came in fourth.

Lana, Mr. S.W. Lee's pony which he rode himself, secured her first win yesterday in an exciting finish which necessitated the calling in of photo-finish to decide whether she or Noonday Sun was the winner. Both had been racing neck to neck from the Members' Stand onwards.

Another exciting finish was Autumn Leaf's win in the seventh race, when it beat Rasher, the red hot favourite, and two other ponies heavily back by punters.

An easy winner

Xerxes, ridden by Mr. J. Pote-Hunt in the 10th race, was an easy winner, leaving its runner-up, Rowena, five lengths behind at the winning post.

Mr. A. Ostroumoff was the most successful jockey yesterday, with two wins and three places to his credit.

In the big cash sweep on the last race, ticket No. 5603 drew the first prize of HK$120,991, ticket No. 75,722 the second prize of HK$34,569, and ticket No. 21947 the third prize of HK$17,284.

Thirteen other ticket holders each received HK$1,000.

Following are the results:—

Phoenix Park Handicap (First Section)

Race 1—For Australian Ponies Class 8, ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Happy Farmers; 2, Ballerina; 3, National Glory; 4, Green Velvet.

Won by One length: ¾ length. Time 2:05:2.

Parl-Mutuel Win $31.40; Places $9.20; $13.30; $9.80.

BETTING: Ballerina, 146 (J.A. Auckaie), Win 1,084, Place 1,620; Betty Lou, 144 (Lai Kai-kim), 559, 447; Cooree, 150 (M.D. Evans), 457, 646; Estrellita, 148 (R.A. Castro), 4,596, 5,741; Good News, 159 (E.R. Maycock), 145, 210; Green Velvet, 152 (T.L. Tsing), 2,188, 2,123; Happy Farmers, 138 (W.N. Thomas), 2,508, 3,160; Jetfire, 150 (Lam Ming-tak), 857, 498; National Glory, 138 (H.W. Mok), 6,637, 2,499; Pinkie, 142 (K.C. Wong), 337, 333; Reputation, 150 (H.K. Chuang), 120, 190; Trigger, 152 (D.R. Evans), 170, 207. Total Win 18,013. Place 18,595.

Hurst Park Handicap (First Section)

Race 2—For Australian Ponies Class 3. Six furlongs.

1, Lana; 2, Noonday Sun; 3, Harmony; 4, The Stranger.

Won by A head: three lengths. Time 1:18:1.

Parl-Mutuel Win $22.60; Places $9.50; $9.70; $7.90.

BETTING: Harmony, 138 (H. Maitland), Win 8,188, Place 6,854; Lady Gloucester, 148 (E.A. Ostroumoff), 1,400, 1,577; Lana, 141 (S.W. Lee), 5,714, 6,221; Noonday Sun, 141 (F. Noodt), 2,625, 4,077; Pegasus, 147 (G. Renner), 6,404, 6,388; Red Fox, 150 (W.N. Thomas), 5,158, 4,654; The Stranger, 147 (L.S. Miu), 2,142, 2,488. Total Win 29,687. Place 30,149.

Doncaster Stakes

Race 3—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Ponies that have won more than $1,000 and those that have won less than $700 in stakes barred. One mile.

1, Ben More; 2, Thunderjet; 3, Ironside; 4, Owzat.

Won by 1½ lengths: five lengths. Time 1:51:3.

Parl-Mutuel Win $35.60; Places $11.10; $8.70; $19.40.

BETTING: Ben More, 150 (D. Black), Win 3,249, Place 3,099; Diamond Queen, 150 (C.H. Renfrew), 5,595, 4,211; Glamour Butterfly, 150 (K.F. Chiu), 5,577, 4,792; Ironside, 150 (F. Noodt), 1,196, 1,808; Owzat, 150 (K. Kwok), 1,135, 1,339; Sandie, 150 (H.C. Pih), 779, 1,076; Silver Fox, 150 (C.F. Ng), 690, 1,030; Thunderjet, 150 (J. Pote-Hunt), 6,196, 5,666; Wonderful Coin, 150 (Peter Young), 2,087, 1,949. Total Win 26,504. Place 23,710.

Lingfield Park Handicap (First Section)

Race 4—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Six furlongs.

1, Fiesta; 2, Jeep Hing; 3, Poker Face; 4, The Tigress.

Won by A length: a head. Time 1:19:1.

Parl-Mutuel Win $35.60; Places $13.40; $32; $16.40.

BETTING: Battlefield, 149 (G. Renner), Win 3,335, Place 2,881; Daylight, 151 (H. Maitland), 6,255, 6,267; Canadian Potato, 159 (W.N. Thomas), 1,811, 2,057; Chelsea, 153 (H.T. Alexander), 831, 1,377; Fiesta, 148 (A. Ostroumoff), 4,345, 4,151; Jeep Hing, 155 (C.H. Renfrew), 1,061, 1,202; Nervous Witness, 155 (Peter Young), 411, 616; Percy, 154 (B.L. Tao), 4,934, 4,370; Poker Face, 149 (J. Pote-Hunt), 3,120, 3,071; Popularity, 155 (K.F. Chiu), 1,036, 1,807; Powerhouse, 142 (C.F. Ng), 209, 299; The Tigress, 154 (K. Kwok), 8,084, 6,085. Total Win 55,432. Place 53,778.

Newmarket Handicap

Race 5—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950. Winners only. Ponies that have won more than $3,000 in stakes barred. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Clonfeckle; 2, Hellzapoppin; 3, Tiny Grey; 4, Prestwood.

Won by 2½ lengths: a neck. Time 1:50·2.

Parl-Mutuel Win $12.00; Places $6.40; $7.60; $7.00.

BETTING: Apple Pie, 132 (R.A. Castro), Win 977, Place 1,413; Boniface, 137 (F. Noodt), 400, 716; Clonfeckle, 156 (H. Maitland), 8,545, 6,320; Forward View, 152 (H.C. Pih), 1,829, 1,642; Hellzappopin, 150 (C.H. Renfrew), 5,265, 5,494; Hopper, 142 (A. Ostroumoff), 742, 838; Lawrence, 150 (H.T. Alexander), 602, 915; Prestwood, 152 (J. Pote-Hunt), 3,117, 2,635; Tiny Grey, 148 (H.R. Holgate), 3,702, 3,198. Total Win 25,267. Place 21,171.

Hurst Park Handicap (Second Section)

Race 6—For Australian Ponies Class 3. Six furlongs.

1, Minx; 2, Ascot Beauty; 3, Lucky Strike; 4, Flying Arrow.

Won by 2½ lengths: 2½ lengths. Time 1:18:1.

Parl-Mutuel Win $14.90; Places $7.10; $7.30; $8.

BETTING: Ascot Beauty, 145 (L.S. Miu), Win 7,372, Place 6,881; Empress of Peace, 148 (H.T. Alexander), 2,245, 2,310; Flying Arrow, 141 (C.H. Renfrew), 3,778, 3,639; Lucky Strike, 159 (B.L. Tao), 6,161, 4,838; Minx, 137 (A. Ostroumoff), 10,439, 6,985; My Love, 148 (C.F. Chiu), 1,285, 1,492; V.I.P., 155 (W. Williamson), 4,479, 3,206. Total Win 35,655. Place 30,851.

Lingfield Park Handicap (Second Section)

Race 7—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Six furlongs.

1, Autumn Leaf; 2, Desert Knight; 3, Ingrid; 4, South-east Wind.

Won by A head: 1½ lengths. Time 1:18.4.

Parl-Mutuel Win $34.20; Places $13; $16.80; $21.10.

BETTING: Autumn Leaf, 154 (B.L. Tao), Win 4,617, Place 4,094; Desert Knight, 143 (A. Ostroumoff), 3,259, 2,784; Dis'empots, 150 (F. Noodt), 1,482, 2,280; Good Ship, 154 (R.A. Castro), 673, 728; Ingrid, 146 (H.R. Holgate), 2,815, 2,031; Justice of Peace, 147 (L.S. Miu), 421, 625; National Congress, 149 (Peter Young), 659, 680; Penforce, 145 (W.N. Thomas), 5,029, 6,189; Rasher, 156 (H. Maitland), 9,599, 6,446; South East Wind, 144 (T.L. Tsang), 1,425, 1,516; Tootale, 141 (W.F.M. Cook), 893, 675; Victorious, 141 (C.H. Renfrew), 5,628, 4,689. Total Win 36,150, Place 32,727.

Ascot Stakes

Race 8—For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1950 whether they have started or not Ponies that have won $750 or more in stakes barred. One mile.

1, Xerxes; 2, Rowena; 3, Prairie Moon (late Rainbow); 4, Henrietta. Won by Five lengths: two lengths.

Time 1:54·1.

Parl-Mutuel Win $10.80; Places $7.30; $11.50; $6.50.

BETTING: Battleship, 147 (W.N. Thomas); Wild Jay, Place 648; Desert Gold, 150 (F. Noodt), 409, 489; Fair Denise, 150 (C.F. Chiu), 363, 488; Gold Leaf, 150 (K.F. Chiu), 819, 688; Henrietta, 150 (H.T. Alexander), 1,787, 2,169; High Straight, 148 (J.A. Auckaie), 167, 209; Prairie Moon (late Rainbow), 151 (H. Maitland), 11,969, 6,093; Pure Gold, 148 (B.L. Tao), 970, 1,023; Rowena, 150 (A. Ostroumoff), 853, 1,364; Strawberry Fool, 151 (Peter Young), 853, 871; Tarzan, 143 (K.C. Wong), 648, 824; Uncle Eric, 147 (R.A. Castro), 819, 888; Xerxes, 159 (J. Pote-Hunt), 2,186, 2,811; Uncle Wully, 151 (P.L. Tse), 226, 310. Total Win 35,446. Place 28,949.

An exciting moment during yesterday's Rugby international between England and a Combined Welsh-Irish XV at Causeway Bay. England won by 19 points to nine. —— (Ming Yuen Studio Photo).

HAVE YOU WON?

Cash Sweep

RACE 1

	HK$
1st No. 2689	4,775
2nd „ 6522	1,365
3rd „ 5162	682

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 1432, 5013, 7063, 2499, 523, 4121, 6397, 3849, 4893.

RACE 2

	HK$
1st No. 399	5,421
2nd „ 770	1,549
3rd „ 6664	774

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 1633, 3044, 1171, 5959.

RACE 3

	HK$
1st No. 5850	5,553
2nd „ 4372	1,586
3rd „ 2571	793

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 7871, 4073, 4709, 2992, 1928, 5225.

RACE 4

	HK$
1st No. 6269	5,486
2nd „ 2441	1,567
3rd „ 2698	784

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 1161, 2880, 2865, 5128, 5338, 935, 6649, 4040, 6003.

RACE 5

	HK$
1st No. 6711	5,933
2nd „ 355	1,709
3rd „ 6912	855

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 4564, 7089, 3586, 3161, 950, 6406.

RACE 6

	HK$
1st No. 934	6,222
2nd „ 3795	1,777
3rd „ 559	889

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 549, 6171, 4510, 8032.

RACE 7

	HK$
1st No. 484	6,060
2nd „ 617	1,732
3rd „ 2201	866

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 2836, 1654, 6929, 503, 667, 960, 2532, 1976, 4667.

RACE 8

	HK$
1st No. 3006	6,110
2nd „ 3200	1,745
3rd „ 6058	873

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 3760, 1406, 2126, 8090, 1447, 8008, 8115, 6779, 3280, 5432, 206.

RACE 9

	HK$
1st No. 8263	6,406
2nd „ 1326	1,831
3rd „ 5925	915

Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each) Nos. 5532, 3257, 4555, 407, 7039, 5601, 670, 5548, 2010, 5974.

RACE 10

	HK$
1st No. 5603	120,991
2nd „ 75722	34,569
3rd „ 21947	17,284

Unplaced Ponies (HK$1,000 each) Nos. 63190, 16258, 36432, 106630, 23286, 82978, 27757, 131853, 88441, 20907.

Lingfield Park Handicap (Third Section)

Race 8—For Australian Ponies Class 5. Six furlongs.

1, Boom Town; 2, Lightning; 3, National Gift; 4, Flying Jib.

Won by 1½ lengths: 2½ lengths. Time 1:18:4.

Parl-Mutuel Win $20.40; Places $9; $16; $12.20.

BETTING: Boom Town, 142 (K.F. Chiu), Win 7,782, Place 6,221; Cassie, 143 (S.W. Lee), 453, 444; Colonia, 156 (A. Ostroumoff), 1,628, 1,980; Countess Delight, 148 (C.F. Ng), 675, 552; Dashing Beauty II, 145 (K.S. Shu), 2,326, 2,268; Flying Jib, 155 (H. Maitland), 4,109, 3,200; Kwong Yiu, 149 (H.T. Alexander), 1,024, 1,593; Liberation Star, 154 (W.N. Thomas), 7,129, 4,328; Lightning, 146 (C.H. Renfrew), 2,581, 2,268; National Gift, 154 (B.L. Tao), 3,919, 3,456; Priority, 149 (G. Renner), 710, 578; Trade Wind, 154 (H.C. Pih), 2,466, 2,692; Treasurer, 158 (F. Noodt), 718, 955. Total Win 36,420. Place 30,872.

Phoenix Park Handicap (Second Section)

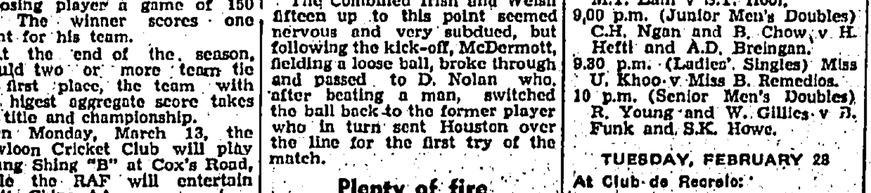
Race 10—For Australian Ponies Class 8. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Pearl Bridge; 2, Sulphur; 3, Busted Straight; 4, Bronte.

Won by Six lengths: two lengths. Time 2:02:0.

Parl-Mutuel Win $26.70; Places $9.50; $10.10; $10.20.

BETTING: Ama, Clipper, 138 (R.A. Castro), Win 3,450, Place 2,717; Bronte, 150 (C.H. Renfrew), 1,025, 1,154; Busted Straight, 144 (A. Ostroumoff), 9,967, 2,838; Fat Chor, 146 (F. Noodt), 1,822, 654; Happy Boy, 148 (H.R. Holgate), 4,906, 3,455; Hong Kong Maiden, 143 (K.S. Shu), 752, 490; Liberty Diamond, 149 (K.F. Chiu), 4,519, 2,162; Pearl Bridge, 149 (Peter Young), 6,161, 4,435; Sharpshooter, 141 (W.N. Thomas), 1,681, 1,324; Sister, 149 (H.C. Pih), 2,564, 1,228; Spring Cracker, 146 (M.D. Evans), 272, 492; Sulphur, 143 (S.W. Lee), 2,562, 2,908; Tycoon, 141 (T.L. Tsing), 422, 466. Total Win 37,864. Place 27,186.



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Rugby:

England & Scotland qualify for final of Int'l Tournament

(By "J. T. STUD")

As expected, both England and Scotland won through into the final of the annual Rugby International Tournament, but both fifteens had to fight hard for victory.

The British Commonwealth XV and the Combined Irish and Welsh XV offered spirited resistance, so much so that at one stage Scotland looked like going down.

Scotland, without the services of a class hooker, made a very lethargic start, the scrummaging and loose playing being of a very scrappy nature.

It came as no surprise when Lovatt, in true one handed fashion, touched down well out after Reynolds had put the Scottish defence on the wrong foot.

Play brightened after this score and a brilliant burst by Mackie saw Smyth score a grand try. Forsgate's kick went just wide.

After half time, the Scottish forwards came more into their own with some grand foot rushes and only over eagerness spoilt several scoring opportunities.

Outstanding forward

Continuously pegging away, the forwards capitilised on a short kick ahead by Wilson, who played a grand game. Smyth, who was the outstanding forward on the field, was again responsible for the Scots' score.

Shortly afterwards J. Henderson dropped a penalty goal for Scotland to make the issue safe.

England commenced in whirlwind style, Hutson following a kick ahead, touched down and minutes later Stovell, bargin through several tackles, gave Gregson an easy score. Hutson connected from well out.

Next, Spiller ran through and scored under the posts for Hutson to make no mistake.

The Combined Irish and Welsh fifteen up to this point seemed nervous and very subdued, but following the kick-off, McDermott, fielding a loose ball, broke through and passed to D. Nolan who, after beating a man, switched the ball back to the former player who in turn sent Houston over the line for the first try of the match.

Plenty of fire

The Irish-Welsh side were now displaying plenty of fire and another break through by Slevin near the post raised the hopes of their supporters.

D. Nolan, playing the game of his life, dropped a magnificent goal to narrow the deficit still further.

The English forwards up to this point gave the impression of tiring, but brightened up and some fine forward play was much appreciated by the enthusiastic crowd.

Tries by Harris and Gower under the posts sealed the fate of the Combined side.

England deserved their win, but were, somewhat flattered by the final score of 19 points to 9.

Gower, Stovell and Harris turned in sound performances and for Ireland and Wales, Houston, Slevin and Nolan were outstanding.

Both games left a very definite impression. Saturday's final promises to be a crackerjack game, but Scotland must first plug several definite weaknesses.

Rugger results at a glance

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England	19	Wales-Ireland	9
Scotland	9	British Commonwealth	3

Open Inter-Club Billiard Tournament

A meeting of the Billiard Section of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation was held at the Chung Sing Benevolent Society on Friday to discuss the Hong Kong Open Inter-Club Billiard Tournament.

It was decided that the first games in the Tournament be played on Monday, March 13.

A total of seven Clubs have entered for the tournament, they being:

South China AA., Chung Shing "A", Chung Shing "B", Eastern AA., Kowloon Cricket Club, Royal Air Force and the Hong Kong Police Reserve Club.

It was also decided that two matches be played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning at 7 p.m.

Each team will comprise five players, each player playing an opposing player a game of 150 up. The winner scores one point for his team.

At the end of the season, should two or more team tie for first place, the team with the higest aggregate score takes the title and championship.

On Monday, March 13, the Kowloon Cricket Club will play Chung Shing "B" at Cox's Road, while the RAF will entertain South China AA.

RHYC "RAG" REGATTA

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held its annual Rowing Dinner Dance and Midnight Cabaret at Kellett Island last night.

A large number of guests attended and music was provided by the band of HMS Jamaica by kind permission of Captain F.A. Ballance, DSO, RN.

Earlier in the day, the Rowing Section of the Club held a "Rag" Regatta.

Results were as follows:

Mixed Fours—won by Blue team—Bow, Miss S. Franklin; 2, J. Dick; 3, J.E.L. Larsen; Stroke, Miss H.B. Leech; Cox, A.G. Dalziel.

Scratch Fours—won by Blue team—Bow, A.G. Dalziel; 2, Capt. R. Hay, RM; 3, D.A. McDonald; Stroke, T.W. Nottidge; Cox, Ah Kun.

Silver cups were distributed to winners of the different events.

Seven-a-Side rugger tourney for charity

The Annual Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition, in aid of local Charity, will be held on the ground of the Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday, March 11 and Saturday, March 18.

Entries are invited from the teams of Civilians, Police, HM Ships and Shore Establishments Land Forces, Royal Air Force and any other interested contestants.

Entries should contain the following information Name of Team—Name of Team Organiser—Telephone number—Team Colours and the names of eight players from whom the team is to be selected.

This information should be sent to Mr. R. de Rome—Hong Kong Electric Co. Ltd. before noon on Saturday, March 40.

The draw will be published in the Local Press.

BADMINTON PROGRAMME

The following are the fixtures in the Colony Badminton Championships for tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

At Victoria Recreation Club:

7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles) Lau Chew-kun v Edward C.Y. Hsi.

7.20 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles) Tai Hon-lee and Fan Chun-hong v Ng Yuen-sun and Ko Wai-pong.

7.40 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles) Phoon Wai-wor and Chan Hin-wing v F. Allaye and J. Pomeroy, Jr.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) M.H. Liang and S. Hsi v A.D. Brown and A.J. Gonsalves.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) M.T. Lam v S.T. Hooi.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) C.H. Ngan and B. Chow v H. Hefti and A.D. Breingan.

9.30 p.m. (Ladies' Singles) Miss U. Khoo v Miss B. Remedios.

10 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles) R. Young and W. Gillies v D. Funk and S.K. Howe.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

At Club de Recreio:

7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles) Anthony Ching v Fan Chun-hong.

7.30 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles) K.Y. Tso and B. Saw v P. McRae and M. Salter.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) D. Kwok and T.Y. Tsun v I. Ericksen and J. Yvanovich.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) K.F. Chiu and A. Ho v M. Kempton and G. Blenkinsop.

9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles) Miss R. Marques and Mrs. A.M. Campos v Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss Margie Xavier.

9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) F. Brockbank and H. Ridsdale v N.K. Chin and K.K. Loke.

10 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) P.H. Wong v K.S. Low.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

At Kowloon Cricket Club:

7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles) Yue Kar-kee v A. Sales.

7.30 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles) Frankie Xavier v Benzin Saw.

7.40 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles) P. McRae v Yau Tat-hay.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) A.A. Remedios and A.L. Nery v D. Rocha and L. Guterres.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles) M. Sargant v H.J. Xavier.

9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles) Miss Margaret Xavier and Mrs. H.F. Gonsalves v Mrs. M. Chow and Mrs. L. Benjamin.

9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles) F.M. Rosario and B. Brown v C.M. Quinn and A.J. Remedios.

10 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles) S.K. Howe v B. Funk.

Soccer:

KMB topple Club 5-1; Army beat Kwong Wah 3-0

There were no surprises in yesterday's First Division League soccer games, the results being as expected.

The Club, who visited Boundary Street for their game against Kowloon Motor Bus, proved no match for the busmen and went down by five goals to one.

In a one-sided game at Sookunpoo, Army had no difficulty in accounting for Kwong Wah, winning by three clear goals.

KMB 5—Club 1

In their First Division League soccer match at Boundary Street yesterday, Kowloon Motor Bus beat Hong Kong Football Club by five goals to one.

The game was far from interesting and if it had not been for the brilliant goalkeeping of Brown for the Club, the Chinese would undoubtedly have won by a greater margin.

From the kick off, KMB took up the attack and after a neat bout of passing between Tang Yee-kit and Lee Chun-fat, the latter beat Brown with a good shot.

Ten minutes later, Lee Chun-fat increased the lead for the busmen this time he beat Brown with a neat header.

Continuing pressure, the busmen scored another goal through Chin Chi-fai when he broke through on the left to net easily.

However, just before half-time Tang Yee-kit broke through to beat Brown with a cross shot.

Trailing behind four goals to nil at the interval, Club tried in vain to break through the defence of the opposition on resumption, but Hardwick, their leader, was well checked by Hung Hing-yuk.

Penalty awarded

After some mid-field exchanges Tang obtained a through pass and just as he was at the point of shooting, was brought down heavily. A penalty was awarded and from the spot kick, Fung Kwan-sing netted.

However, just before the end, Baker scored the best goal of the match. Receiving a perfect pass from Bickford, he met the ball with a first timer that had the goalie beaten all the way.

KMB: Tam Kwan-kon; Tam Kong-pak, Tam Chung-fai; Tang Sum, Hung Hing-yuk, Funk Kwan-sing; Tsang Ming-chuen, Lee Chun-fat, Tang Yee-kit Chou Man-chi and Chin Chi-fai.

Club: Brown; Roberts, E. Strange; Mullen, Barber, L. Strange; Barcley, Widger, Hardwick, Baker and Bickford.

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Army 3—Kwong Wah 0

In a one-sided First Division League soccer game at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army gained an easy victory over Kwong Wah, netting three goals without response.

Spence, the Army pivot was outstanding in the defence and repeatedly broke up the Kwong Wah attacks. Wherever the Chinese managed to get past him, they were repulsed without difficulty by the full-backs.

The Army forwards played with good understanding and Brown, on the right-wing, apart from netting one goal, was instrumental in the other two.

The Chinese were disappointing forward, but their defence was sound and for periods kept the Army attackers well checked.

Army scored their first goal through Higgins within 10 minutes from the start, after a clever movement by Brown on the right.

The Chinese had two opportunities to even the score, but missed badly.

After a period of end to end play, Brown was in the limelight again when he was seen dribbling his way down the right. Cutting in, he beat Chan to the ball and sent it across the goalmouth for Delvin to head it in, putting the Army further in the lead.

Hit crossbar

Just before the interval, Convery had hard luck when he cut into the centre on a pass by Higgins, only to see his parting shot at goal hit the crossbar with Tam looking on.

Leading by two goals at the interval, the Army broke into the attack again on resumption and for long periods kept pegging at the Chinese defence, doing almost everything but score.

After Lam Piu missed a glorious opportunity to reduce the lead when he shot wide, when faced with an empty goal, Brown was sent away on the right. Beating two defenders, he made a beeline for goal and, drawing Tam from his charge, sent the ball into the net to score the final goal of the afternoon.

From then on it was the Army's game, but the Chinese defence managed to keep them at bay till the final whistle brought the respite.

Army: Fairbrother; Wootton, Mahoney; Smith, Spence, Wood; Brown, Berry, Delvin, Higgins and Convery.

Kwong Wah: Tam Woon-chiu, Chau Man-kam, Chan Lam, Shi Sau-kei, Tam Wai, Wun Hock-ming; Tang Cheun, Tam Chu-kin, Chung King-sang, Chow Shek-kam and Lau Piu.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION

KMB	5	Club 1
Army	3	Kwong Wah 0

SECOND DIVISION

*CAA	v	Police
News Vendors	5	Club
Army	4	St. Joseph's
Taikoo	1	Solicitors'
Eastern	4	University

* This game was not played.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, February 25.

The following were results of football matches played today:

FIRST DIVISION

Villa	1	West Brom. 1
Blackpool	0	Sunderland 0
Charlton	1	Manchester U. 0
Everton	0	Arsenal 1
Fulham	2	Stoke 1
Huddersfield	2	Bolton 1
Manchester C.	1	Chelsea 0
Middlesbro	4	Liverpool 1
Newcastle	0	Burnley 1
Portsmouth	2	Birmingham 1
Wolves	4	Derby 1

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	2	Swansea 1
Bradford	1	Barnsley 1
Brentford	1	Preston 1
Bury	0	Coventry 1
Cardiff	1	Leeds 1
Chesterfield	v	West Ham
(Late kick off)		
Hull	1	Queen's P. 1
Leicester	3	Luton 2
Plymouth	0	Sheffield U. 1
Sheffield Wed.	v	Grimsby
(Postponed		
Spurs	4	South'ton 1

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Bournemouth	1	Walsall 1
Bristol R.	3	Brighton 1
Palace	1	Millwall 1
Exeter	0	Forest 1
Ipswich	2	Northampton 1
Leyton	2	Aldershot 1
Notts Co.	7	Newport 1
Port Vale	2	Norwich 1
Reading	2	Torquay 1
Southend	2	Bristol C. 1
Watford	1	Swindon 1

THIRD DIVISION (North)

Accrington	3	N. Brighton 1
Barrow	1	Southport 1
Carlisle	2	Rochdale 1
Crewe	1	Stockport 1
Lincoln	2	Chester 1
Mansfield	1	Halifax 1
Oldham	5	Hartlepools 1
Rotherham	5	Bradford C. 1
Tranmere	2	Doncaster 1
Wrexham	2	Darlington 1
York	1	Gateshead 1

SCOTTISH CUP—Third Round

Celtic	0	Aberdeen 1
Dunfermline	1	E'housemuir 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

Clyde	1	Motherwell 1
East Fife	1	Hibernian 1
Falkirk	2	Dundee 1
Hearts	3	Queen of S. 1
Rangers	2	Raith 1
St Mirren	0	Partick 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE "B"

Airdrie	2	Kilmarnock 1
Alloa	4	Forfar 1
Ayr	3	Queen's Park 1
Cowdenbeath	1	Albion 1
Dundee U.	5	Morton 1
Hamilton	2	St. Johnstone 1

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

France	6	England 3
Ireland	21	Scotland 0

— Reuter.

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